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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C; ISA OF 1950

OO: New York

ReBulet, 9-21-59, and Cleveland letter, 8-28-59, both  
captioned "SECURITY INFORMANTS, CLEVELAND DIVISION, SEMI-  
ANNUAL REPORT"; and Cleveland letter, 9-24-58, captioned,  
"NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG  
CASE, IS - C; ISA OF 1950".

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The July, 1959, issue of "Today's Verdict" published by the National CSJMS, while listing "Sobell Committees", does not list Cleveland. This publication also lists individuals who signed the appeal to the President. Only two are listed who reside in the Cleveland Division, Reverend M. E. NELSON, Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, and Rabbi STEPHEN A. SCHAPER, Toledo, Ohio.

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In view of the foregoing, it is not recommended that further investigation of the CSJMS be conducted by the Cleveland office at this time, and the Cleveland file for the CSJMS is being maintained in an RUC status.



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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41618)  
SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE  
IS-C  
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Re Los Angeles airtel 9/17/59 indicating that STEVE ALLEN had agreed to assist HELEN SOBELL in her cause to free MORTON SOBELL.

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- 1 - Bureau (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
- ① - New York (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Phoenix (REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Francisco (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Los Angeles (100-41618) (100-43372 - CINAL)

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10/28/59

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)  
RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Re Bureau airtel to New York dated 10/16/59.  
Report of SA JOHN S. TEMPLE dated 5/5/59 at  
Los Angeles captioned, "COMMUNIST RADIO-TV  
INDUSTRY," pages 30-32.

- 3 - Bureau  
① - New York (100-107111)  
1 - San Francisco (100-35117) (BACSC) (Info)  
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Informant will immediately furnish any further information regarding SOBELL coming to her attention.

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RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Re Buairtel to New York 10/16/59.

On 10/25/59, HELEN SOBELL was interviewed on the DAN LUNDBERG TV Show, Channel 13, KCOP, Los Angeles. Topic of the program was "Should Prisoners be Allowed Conjugal Visits?"

SOBELL gave an approximately two-minute summary of her husband's trial and conviction, stating she believed he was convicted because of the war hysteria at the time, and stated she knew him to be innocent.

She then took the affirmative of the above topic, stating she believed conjugal visits would be good from the point of view of rehabilitation and the fact that prisoners are still people. SOBELL stated she was interested in having a child by her husband, however, she was speaking on the program for all prisoners.

She answered questions relating to the topic from Dr. A. LAMONT SMITH, from the California Board of

- 3 - Bureau
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Corrections; Dr. CHARLES B. STONE, Psychiatrist; J. MILLER LEVY, Deputy District Attorney of Los Angeles County; and A. L. WIRIN, American Civil Liberties Union Attorney.

A. L. WIRIN attempted to question SOBELL further about her husband's case, however, LUNDBERG objected, and the questions were thereafter concerning conjugal visits. The program was sponsored by the COPLEY newspapers of Los Angeles, directed by JEAN BREHME, produced by DAVE WYNNE.

On 10/28/59, a taped interview of HELEN SOBELL was presented on the Channel 7, KABC-TV, news program of LEW IRWIN at 11 p.m. IRWIN announced he was giving Mrs. MORTON SOBELL a chance to tell her side of one of the nation's controversial issues. IRWIN stated he had reported last night on some of the things he had learned about SOBELL and had reported SOBELL was never accused either of spying or of having anything to do with atomic secrets.

HELEN SOBELL then appeared on a TV monitor and stated her husband had been convicted by an atmosphere of McCarthyism and "by mistakes made by the prosecution and the FBI," that he was actually brutally kidnaped, which resulted in his prosecution. She stated the government wanted SOBELL as a prosecution witness and when he maintained his innocence and did not give testimony without knowledge, only then was he indicted, together with ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, in spite of the fact that there never was established any connection between her husband and espionage for the ROSENBERGS.

IRWIN asked who did the kidnaping and Mrs. SOBELL stated "we" learned later through investigation that the kidnaping had actually been arranged by "our FBI and ROY COHN" and was carried out by Mexico City Police without the sanction of the Mexican government.

IRWIN then commented he did not want to see a traitor free but he did want to see innocent men free

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and quoted Professor MALCOLM SHARP, University of Chicago Law School, who stated a 30-year sentence was unwarranted.

IRWIN thanked those who telephoned about his program the previous night, stating "it helps."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum containing information concerning an appeal to the President being conducted in the Chicago area on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

Sources furnishing information contained in letterhead memorandum are:

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[REDACTED] - characterization of ALVA TOMPKINS

This letterhead memorandum is classified confidential because it contains information from [REDACTED] the unauthorized disclosure of which could reveal the identity of this informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof. b7D

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 9) (RM)
- ① - New York (100-10711) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (1-100-32207) (CINAL)

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Sources for Attached Thumbnail Sketches

American Forum for Socialist Education

Lightfoot Defense Committee

Sources for other thumbnail sketches attached are set out on Thumbnail Sketches.

Enclosed for New York and San Francisco is one copy each of letterhead memorandum for information.

Enclosures for Bureau:

- 1) 2 Photostats of a letter captioned "From the Reverend PETER MC CORMACK, San Francisco, California, former Protestant Chaplain at Alcatraz", addressed to "Dear Friend".
- 2) 2 Photostats of a leaflet captioned "Appeal To The President on Behalf of Morton Sobell" addressed to "President Dwight D. Eisenhower, The White House, Washington, D. C."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois  
October 29, 1959

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In Reply, Please Refer  
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INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] asking every clergyman in Chicago  
to join an Appeal to the President on behalf of Morton Sobell.  
According to [REDACTED] this appeal together with similar appeals  
from other parts of the country will continue to make it more  
difficult to deny justice and freedom so long over-due for  
Morton Sobell. b7D

David L. Soltker

David L. Soltker on February 18, 1955, was in attendance  
at a meeting of the Lightfoot Defense Committee held at the  
Pershing Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.

b7D [REDACTED] a member  
of the Communist Party from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on February 18, 1955)

Morton Sobell

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and Morton Sobell were  
convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of  
New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit  
espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The Rosenbergs were  
sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and Morton Sobell was sentenced  
to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. Julius and Ethel  
Rosenberg were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining,

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New York, on June 19, 1953; and Morton Sobell is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

[REDACTED] during October, 1959, made available two leaflets [REDACTED]  
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The first leaflet is in the form of a letter from the Rev. Peter Mc Cormack, San Francisco, California, Former Protestant Chaplain at Alcatraz. According to this leaflet the Rev. Mc Cormack, through his association with Morton Sobell while at Alcatraz and a studied investigation of Sobell's case had become convinced that Sobell is innocent.

The leaflet concludes as follows:

"I am satisfied if the clergy of this land, whose mission it is to "seek justice and judgment" would acquaint themselves with this case, the relentless pressure of that segment of public opinion would compel our courts to re-open the case, freeing it from perjury, politics and prejudice, and in the light of honor and truth restore Morton Sobell to his rightful place as an American citizen, a man vindicated by the weight of public opinion and the justice and honor that we are entitled to expect to emanate from the courts of our land.

"Sincerely yours  
"Rev Peter Mc Cormack."

The bottom of this leaflet contains a mimeographed handwritten statement which reads as follows:

"Please read this testimony to Morton Sobell from his Chaplain at Alcatraz. We must match his courage with our courage until justice is granted. Will you join the twenty-five of us who are asking for Presidential clemency?

"Urgently, Alva Tompkins."

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This leaflet contains the mimeographed signatures of 24 Ministers, Rabbis, and Professors in the Chicago area and requests the President to advance the cause of justice and mercy by granting Morton Sobell clemency by commutation of his sentence. The bottom of this leaflet contains a space for a person who agrees to join in the appeal to place his name and address and indicate whether or not his name may be made public.

Rev. Alva Tompkins

A source advised on April 9, 1959, that the Rev. Alva Tompkins as of April, 1959, was chairman of the American Forum for Socialist Education in Chicago.

All sources utilized in this memorandum and on the attached thumbnail sketches of organizations have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise described.

Attached are thumbnail sketches for the following organizations:

American Forum for Socialist Education  
Lightfoot Defense Committee  
Chicago Sobell Committee  
National Committee to Secure Justice  
for Morton Sobell.

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AMERICAN FORUM FOR SOCIALIST EDUCATION,  
Also known as American Forum

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According to an article appearing in the May, 13, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 1, column 2, A. J. MUSTE, "well known pacifist", announced the formation of the American Forum for Socialist Education (AFSE). According to this article, the American Forum seeks to promote "study and serious untrammelled political discussions among all elements that think of themselves as related to historic socialist and labor traditions, values and objectives. . . however deep and bitter their differences may have been."

This article reflects that a forty member national committee had been established and, according to MUSTE, these persons serve as individuals and not as delegated representatives of any group.

MUSTE, according to this article, stated that the American Forum is not a membership organization and does not propose to promote united action by various parties or groups, mergers or new organizations.

The article reflects that among other purposes, the AFSE seeks to call attention to the various publications of the groups whose people engage in discussion; to publish bulletins or pamphlets; to organize regional and national conferences; contribute to the building of new morale and ethic, a spirit of fair play, labor militancy, determination and hope among the progressive and radical forces in this country.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended operation on January 13, 1958.

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TOMPKINS stated that while the AFSE originated in New York, that no guidance or control has ever been exercised by the AFSE in New York over the AFSE in Chicago; however, the AFSE in Chicago has been guided by the Precepts of the New York group.

TOMPKINS stated that the AFSE is a broad forum which includes on its executive committee such persons as FRED FINE, HOWARD MAYHEW, JACK SPIEGEL, and FRANK FRIED.

According to a source, FRED FINE is a former member of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA (CP) [REDACTED]

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According to a second source, HOWARD MATHEW in July of 1959, was a member of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

According to a third source, JACK SPIEGEL was a member of a shoe worker's group in the Johnstone Section, CP of Illinois, until the latter part of 1955.

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A fourth source advised that FRANK FRIED, until March, 1959, was Chicago Branch Organizer of the American Socialist Clubs. As of July, 1959, he was a member of this organization.

The CP, USA and the SWP have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

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LIGHTFOOT DEFENSE COMMITTEE (LDC)

On May 7, 1956, a source advised that the Lightfoot Defense Committee was formed in the fall of 1954 by the Communist Party (CP), for the purpose of publicizing the arrest of CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Illinois-Indiana District, CP, USA, under the Smith Act of 1940, and to raise funds for his defense.

The Lightfoot Defense Committee continued to operate under the direction of the CP until March, 1956, at which time the CP broadened the scope of the organization and formed the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC), thereby dissolving the Lightfoot Defense Committee.

A source advised on May 3, 1957, that the CJDC was formed by the CP in March, 1956. The majority of the current leadership of the CJDC are known [REDACTED] as current CP members. b7D

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CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE

Cited as one of the local organizations active in the Communist propaganda campaign exploiting atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, p. 72.).

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-430172) DATE: 11/4/59

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (100-16691)

SUBJECT: WORKERS WORLD PARTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - WWP  
OO: New York

On 11/2/59, BU 253-S\*, who furnishes information concerning activities at the residence of LEWIN and DEIRDRE GRISWOLD, Buffalo Branch WWI Organizer and his wife, reported the following:

About 9:00 PM, 11/2/59, LEW GRISWOLD, in conversation with his wife, DEIRDRE, said that SAM BALLAN (WWP-New York) had called him long distance and had referred to riots in the Belgian Congo which occurred on 11/1/59, and which had been mentioned in the 11/2/59, edition of the New York Times. BALLAN told GRISWOLD that he would like to have a demonstration by 25 to 30 WWP members, with banners, in front of the Belgian Consulate in New York City. BALLAN wanted a representative from the Buffalo Branch WWP and suggested their leaving Buffalo early on Friday, 11/6/59, for the demonstration on Saturday, 11/7/59.

On 11/3/59, LEW GRISWOLD, in conversation with his wife in the late evening, related to DEIRDRE that he had received a long distance call from EVELYN HARRUP (phonetic) whom he identified as with the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, in New York City. GRISWOLD told his wife that HARRUP had invited him to the meeting of the Eastern Region of the above Committee which would open on 11/7/59, at 10:00 AM in New York City, followed by an afternoon session and a closing session on Sunday, 11/8/59. GRISWOLD said HARRUP offered to pay his traveling expenses and would find a place to stay for him. GRISWOLD told DEIRDRE that he told HARRUP that he would let her know on 11/4/59. GRISWOLD then mentioned that he might be able to work in the WWP demonstration with this invitation.

5 - Bureau (2, 100-387835 NCSJMS) (AMSD) (RM)

6 - New York (2, 100-137309 NY WWP) (2, 100-107111 NY NCSJMS)

5 - Buffalo (1, 100-11584 NAT. COM. TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR M. SOBELL) (AMSD) (RM)

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BU 100-16691

The above information is being set forth for the information of the Bureau and the New York Office. Any pertinent developments coming to the attention of the Buffalo Office concerning weekend activity in New York City through BU 253-S\* will be promptly forwarded.

FBI

SAC  
ASAC 1

Date: November 5, 1959

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

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Via AIRTEL

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To: SAC, New York (100-107111)

From: Director, FBI (100-387835)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Reference Buffalo letter to Director 11-4-59, copies  
to New York, captioned "Workers World Party, IS - WWP."

Referenced letter reported that a meeting of the  
Eastern Region of the National Committee to Secure Justice for  
Morton Sobell would be held in New York City, 11/7-8/59. The  
exact location of the meeting was not indicated in the Buffalo  
letter.

New York should effect necessary informant coverage  
for the above-mentioned meeting and pertinent information received  
should be submitted to the Bureau in memorandum form suitable  
for dissemination. Six copies of the memorandum should be furnished.

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Enclosed herewith are 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum furnishing information concerning the proposed Eastern Regional Work Meeting on 11/7, and 11/8/59, at NYC, by captioned organization.

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TO : SAC, BOSTON

DATE: 11/6/59

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Description of Info Report of an ECLC meeting at the  
Hotel New Yorker, 10/16/59

Date Received 10/22/59

Received By SA EDWARD G. ASTFALK (written)

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A copy of informant's report follows:

October 21, 1959

Report of a meeting sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) on Friday evening 10/16/59, at the Hotel New Yorker.

The chairman for the evening was CORLISS LAMONT. He referred to an article written 2 years ago by the ECLC about the F.B.I. to show that others are now doing what the ECLC had done. He mentioned the story in the Nation magazine about the F.B.I.; the current story about the F.B.I. in the New York Post. He referred to the F.B.I. as a kind of police terror.

The general theme of the meeting centered around the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC), the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee headed by Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND, D. Mississippi.

The speakers, in general, by the tone of their talks, gave the impression that the United States, because of the existence of these committees, has become a a fearful place for those who support the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights, as the speakers said that they do, to live in.

The speakers associated ulterior motives as the reasons for the continuance of the Congressional Investigating Committees. Some of the speakers stated, HERMAN LIVERIGHT for one, that because a person would be for integration in the South that person would then be called before the Eastland Committee.

A film, prior to the beginning of the meeting, was shown on the "Hollywood 10". It lasted about 20 minutes. It highlighted in a favorable manner the position taken by the Hollywood 10 with respect to their appearances before the HUAC.

HARVEY O'CONNOR stated that the United States is a spectacle in the world because 30 individuals exercised their rights in the free world. He had reference to the 30 people now under indictment for Congressional and/or Judicial Contempt.

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He stated that these cases could and should be used to abolish inquisition in America.

WILLIAM PRICE, [REDACTED] called for a unified fight among the 1st Amendment victims. He said that a group of 1st Amendment people, who have been cited for contempt, have gotten together to formulate a plan of action, to pool their ideas, and to speak before groups wherever they would be invited. b2D

PAULINE FEUER stated that the HUAC in the name of law robs society of its most valuable members. That the inquisitional committees have an economic life and death over people because she said that individuals lose their jobs as a result of being called before the HUAC. She stated that as a Psychologist she seriously questioned Sen. EASTLAND's sanity. Also, she said, she would rather face prison than her lose her integrity.

DAVIS, who is acting as his own lawyer stated that there is no crime when a Congressional Committee is operating invalidly.

HERMAN LIVERIGHT accused Congressional Investigating Committees as doing their best to vitiate exchange of opinions in the democratic process. He also asked that something be done about freeing MORTON SOBELL from prison.

ALFRED SAMTER, Steelworker from Gary, Indiana stated that the HUAC made it clear in their hearings at Gary that they (HUAC) wanted the company to fire those individuals who exercised the 5th and 1st Amendments before the Committee.

FRANK WILKINSON called for political action in order to offset and defeat the dangers brought out by the inquisitional committees. He stated that along with AUBREY WILLIAMS, and JAMES IMBRIE, through political action, they got Cong. JAMES ROOSEVELT from California to introduce a resolution calling for some form of abolition of the HUAC. He told the story of how he and others

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recently organized at least 100 teachers in California that were slated to appear before the HUAC in California. He said that through political action they had managed to get Congressman WALTER to call off the hearings.

Dr. WILLIARD UPHAUS said that when he was first called by the Attorney - General of New Hampshire to disclose the names of the individuals attending his summer camp, he instinctively knew that the names would have been turned over to the F.B.I. and that the F.B.I. would then visit their neighbors and ask questions about them and, as a result of all this, a suspicious atmosphere would be cast upon them. This, he said, he could not bring himself to do even if it meant spending the rest of his life in jail. He said that he will continue to represent the cause of peace and the Bill of Rights.


When Dr. UPHAUS was called on to speak, he received a standing ovation. It was repeated after his talk.

VICTOR RABINOWITZ stated that the HUAC has placed its stamp on every segment of our life. Also, that the HUAC has been an effective instrument in the cold war. He said that there is no word of comfort in the Berenblatt decision.

 there were  
300 people in attendance.

An appeal for funds was made but not emphasized. It is not known how much money was collected. VICTOR RABINOWITZ made the appeal for funds. 

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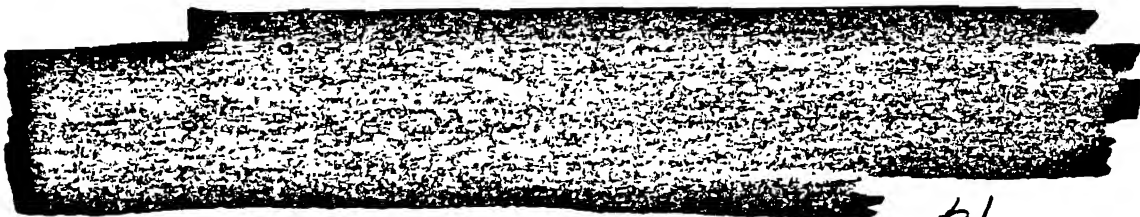
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)  
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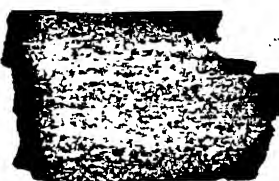

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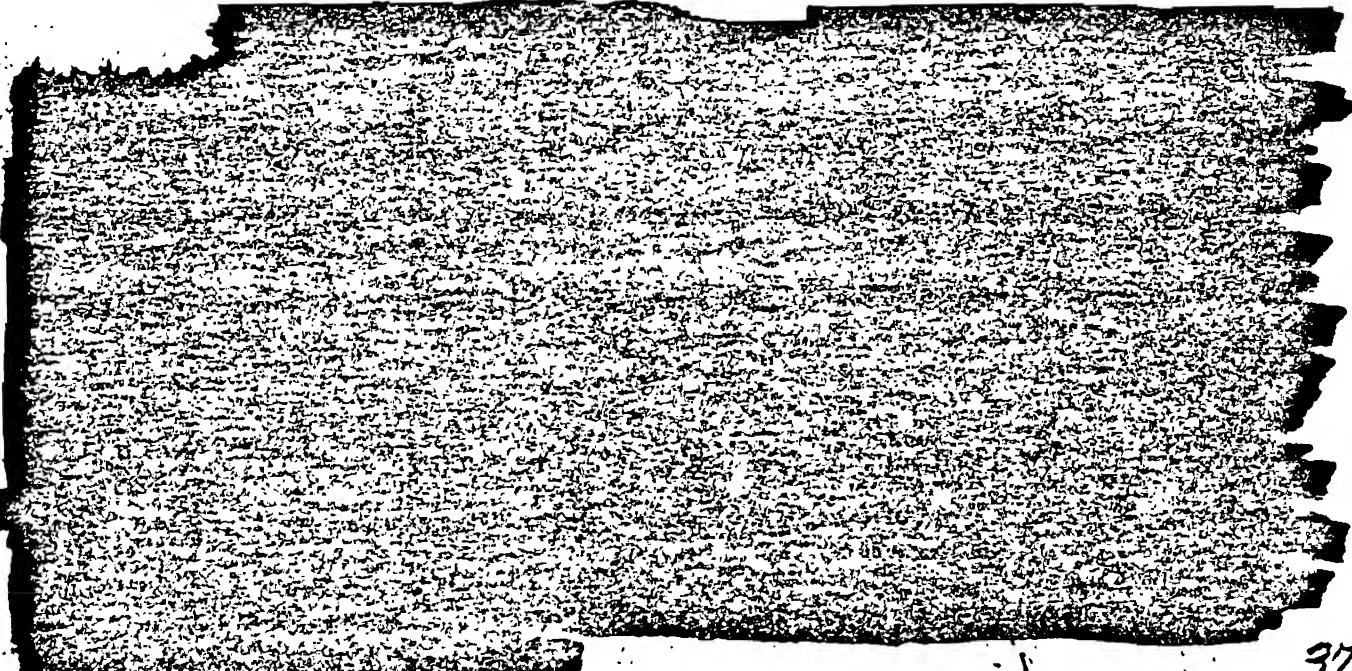
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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL,  
aka Los Angeles Sobell Committee, Los Angeles Committee to  
Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Los Angeles Rosenberg-  
Sobell Committee

A source advised on May 6, 1959 that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was formerly known as the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and was also referred to as the Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

The Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was cited by the Committee on Un-American Activities report dated August 25, 1956, pages 66 and 67, as "A local auxiliary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. 'Next to New York and Washington the area of greatest focus in the Rosenberg campaign was Los Angeles \*\*\* The Los Angeles campaign was under the direction of SOPHIE DAVIDSON, Chairman of the Los Angeles Committee \*\*\*.'"

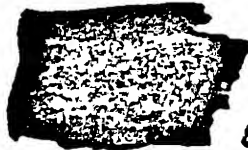
Source advised that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell adopted that name in the fall of 1954. The avowed purpose of this committee is to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison. Both the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were from their inception dominated and controlled by the Communist party through the assignment of Communist party members to direct the activities of the committees.

Another source advised on July 27, 1953, that SOPHIE DAVIDSON was then a Communist party member.

Another source advised on May 8, 1959 that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is currently active.

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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

Date: 11/13/59

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14203)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
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On 9/3/59 NH 369-S\* made available for photographing purposes material then in the possession of ROBERT C. and ETTIE EKINS, 54 Myrtle Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

ROBERT EKINS was publicly identified as Secretary of the CP of Connecticut as of February 1956.

On 4-11-58, NH 361-S\* advised that by letter dated 3-13-58, to EUGENE DENNIS, National Office of CP, USA, SIDNEY TAYLOR stated that at a recent meeting of the State Committee of the CP of Connecticut, specific date not noted, the motion which he presented, that he be released as State Chairman of the CP of Connecticut, was passed. Further, according to the informant, TAYLOR advised DENNIS that another motion was presented and passed requesting that the National Office of the CP, USA, send copies of material and directives to TAYLOR, ROBERT EKINS and JACOB GOLDRING for dissemination to Party groups in the state.

Included among the photographs of material obtained by contact with NH 369-S\* on the above date is the following:

Four typewritten pages entitled, "Text of Remarks by Professor THOMAS I. EMERSON, of the Yale Law School at a public meeting chaired by Professor EMERSON in behalf of MORTON SOBELL, Friday, June 19, 1959, Webster Hall, New York City."

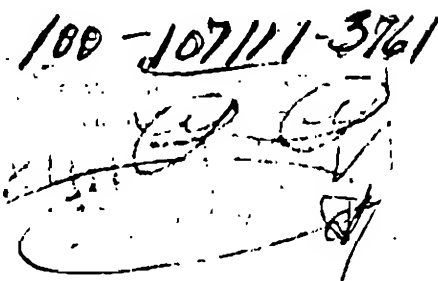
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Text of remarks by Professor Thomas I. Emerson of the Yale Law School at a public meeting, chaired by Professor Emerson, in behalf of Morton Sobell, Friday, June 19, 1959, Webster Hall, New York City.

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The reason for our meeting is, of course, the growing conviction that injustice has been done in the trial, conviction and the continuing imprisonment of Morton Sobell. I share that conviction, and I want, at the outset, to give my reasons to you. They will necessarily be quite brief, but I will do what I can in the time available.

First, a few words as to the facts and the background of the case. The bare facts are, I am sure, known to all of us. Morton Sobell was indicted in October, 1950, along with the Rosenbergs and two other conspirators for committing espionage. It was charged that they had transmitted information essential to the security of the United States to a foreign power, namely the Soviet Union.

The trial of the three defendants (two were not included in the trial), the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell, took place in March, 1951. They were, as you know, convicted. The Rosenbergs were sentenced to death and Morton Sobell was sentenced to 30 years in prison. He served the beginning of that time, and until 1958 in Alcatraz. In 1958 he was transferred to Atlanta.

By way of further background, I think it is important to remember the tense and hysterical atmosphere at the time of the trial and the subsequent appeals. It was February 9, 1950 that Senator McCarthy made his first speech at Wheeling in which he held in his hand a list of 205 members of the Communist Party in the federal government. It was the beginning of the McCarthy campaign.

On June 25, 1950, the Korean War began. In July, 1950, Julius Rosenberg was arrested. In August, Ethel Rosenberg was arrested and Morton Sobell was seized in Mexico. In September, 1950, the Congress passed the Internal Security Act, the furthest reaching sedition law that our Congress has ever passed, and the one containing provision for detention camps.

The trial began on March 6, 1951. On March 8, 1951, the Committee on Un-American Activities opened its famous hearing on Hollywood, the motion picture industry. And so it went on during

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that period. It was hardly a period for calm consideration or reflective judgment. It was, rather, a period of fear-ridden panic and intemperate action. We are generally, gradually, I think, becoming ashamed of many of the things we did during that time, or allowed others to do.

Now I want to state briefly the reasons why I feel that the continued imprisonment of Morton Sobell infringes upon his rights and upon our feelings of justice. First of all, is the matter of the abduction from Mexico. In June of 1950, Morton Sobell went to Mexico with his family, lived in an apartment there under his own name. Eight o'clock one evening, Mexican Secret Service Police in plain clothes entered the apartment, seized Sobell, took him out to a car, beat him into unconsciousness. He was put into a car and driven to the United States border, and there he was turned over to agents of the United States who were ready and waiting for him.

Clearly, the abduction was instigated and arranged by the FBI; indeed, although they have had an opportunity to deny that, they have not done so. The action was illegal and outrageous. It was an act of a police state, unworthy of the government of the United States. For various legal reasons, it has not constituted a defense in the case. But the fact is that Morton Sobell, by this action, was deprived of the rights as a citizen of a civilized country. It was also prejudicial to his trial, because it precluded the possibility of Sobell returning voluntarily. It was put up to the jury as dramatic indication that Morton Sobell had a guilty conscience and was attempting to flee. For this reason alone, it seems to me, the conviction of Morton Sobell is a tainted one, and the result should not be allowed to stand.

Secondly, there is considerable doubt concerning the evidence in this case. This is a matter on which there are, of course, differences of opinion. But I think this much is certainly a minimum that can be said, and should be said. The entire case against Morton Sobell rested in the end upon the testimony of a single witness, Max Elitcher. Elitcher, who had been a classmate of Sobell, testified about two things: He testified that Sobell had asked him to supply information for transmission to a foreign country and to get others to do so also. And he testified that Sobell had taken to Julius Rosenberg a can of microfilm containing important information. What the information was, was never disclosed.

This is the only direct testimony that linked Sobell with espionage, or with the rest of the alleged conspiracy. Unless this testimony is believed, there is no case, and the courts have made this quite clear. I think a careful reading of the evidence gives one an impression of very doubtful credibility. In the first place, Elitcher was not a reliable or unprejudiced witness. He, and it was known to the government, had committed perjury in signing a government application, and he was subject to prosecution. He was therefore hardly in an independent or secure position so far as his relations with the prosecution were concerned.

There was no testimony that Elitcher gave information to Sobell, or Sobell to Elitcher. And there was no testimony as to what was in the film that was supposed to have been transmitted. Furthermore, the

whole story of the film is a highly implausible one. The story as given by Elitcher, that he once had gone to see Morton Sobell, told him that he was being followed by FBI agents, and that therefore Sobell had taken the can of film and, along with Elitcher, had gone, and while Elitcher waited in the car, delivered it to Julius Rosenberg. It is utterly fantastic to suppose that upon being notified that Elitcher was being followed by the FBI, Sobell would have seized that particular occasion upon which to deliver the film to Rosenberg.

That is the testimony. It is, I submit, rather difficult to believe. There was also other testimony with regard to trips made by Sobell from Mexico City to other cities in Mexico in which he made inquiries about a trip to other countries. This was not explained, and Morton Sobell did not take the stand. It is evidence, perhaps, of his intention to leave the United States, but it is, of course, entirely collateral and circumstantial, and without Elitcher's testimony, it comes to nothing in itself.

One cannot, therefore, escape the feeling that the jury's decision reflected the hysteria and pressures of the time more than a rational weighing of the evidence before it.

My third reason is the fact that Sobell's case was lumped with the atomic conspiracy involving the Rosenbergs. The main case of the government was against the Rosenbergs, and the main part of that case involved the allegations of transmitting information with respect to nuclear weapons to the Soviet Union. There is not a shred of evidence that Sobell was engaged in any conspiracy with respect to atomic weapons of this sort, even if Elitcher is believed. And dragging Sobell into a trial involving the highly-charged and complex problems with respect to the allegations against the Rosenbergs was calculated and did, I think, result only in confusing and inflaming the jury.

A separate and rational consideration of Sobell's case became almost impossible. It was on this ground that Judge Jerome Frank, in the Court of Appeals, dissented from the majority opinion. He felt that because the Sobell case had been combined with the atomic conspiracy case, Sobell had been given an unfair trial, and that the case, as to him, should have been reversed. With this I agree.

The fourth issue I want to raise is the question of the severity of the sentence. On the facts proved, and assuming they were true, a sentence of 30 years seems all out of proportion to the gravity of the offense. It will be remembered that Dr. Klaus Fuchs pleaded guilty to major atomic espionage and was given 14 years sentence, and is about to be released from jail. This, of course, was in England. Allen Nunn May, also in England, was given a sentence of 10 years, of which he served 6 years and 8 months. David Greenglass, who was obviously much further involved on his own and the government's testimony, was given 15 years. Mrs. Greenglass was not indicted at all. It seems to me that the harshness of the sentence, which I believe to be also a product of the tensions of the period, should now be rectified.

(Applause.)

Finally, there is the matter of the confinement to Alcatraz. Until last year, some 51 years, Sobell was imprisoned in Alcatraz. This action, it seems to me, was clearly vindictive and vicious. Alcatraz is a prison for so-called incorrigibles. It is a grim and inhuman place. There is probably no justification for Alcatraz itself, but there is certainly no justification for sending Morton Sobell there. Five and a half years in Alcatraz is enough penalty for any man, in my judgment, regardless of his crime. Instead of sending him to Atlanta, Sobell should have been released.

(Applause.)

These, then, are my reasons for feeling that injustice has been done to Morton Sobell: the abduction from Mexico, the flimsy nature of the evidence against him, the mingling of his case with the atomic conspiracy, the severity of the sentence, the cruelty of Alcatraz.

As I said at the beginning, a growing number of people have reached the same conclusion that I have put forward to you now. Commencing with Dr. Harold Urey, Nobel Prize winner, and Professor Malcolm Sharp of Chicago, these people include such well-known Americans as Senator Langer, Reinhold Niebuhr, Waldo Frank, Carlton Beals, Roland Bainton. They include such distinguished Europeans as Jean Paul Sartre and Lord Russell. They include the sponsors of the Sobell Committee, the people here on this platform tonight, and thousands of others. Living and glorying in the democratic tradition, we cannot remain silent. Our meeting tonight is called to give voice to our conviction, and to make effective our contention, that justice should now be done.

(Applause.)

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-64016)

DATE: 11/16/59

FROM: SA DAVID RYAN

SUBJECT: "GERMAN AMERICAN"  
IS - R & GE

[REDACTED] b7D  
1-NY (100-102697) (COMINFIL MASS ORGANIZATIONS) (41)  
1-NY (100-122816) (CP, NYD, NATIONAL GROUPS) (416)  
1-NY (100-122813) (CP, NYD, PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS) (416)  
1-NY (100-128819) (CP, NYD, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (416)

[REDACTED] b7D  
1-NY (100-107111) (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)  
(41)

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1-NY (100-64016) (41)

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| Identity of Source  | [REDACTED] who has<br>furnished reliable<br>info in past (conceal) |
| Description of Info | Information regarding<br>"German American"                         |
| Date Received       | 10/12/59   |
| Received By         | SA DAVID RYAN,<br>oral   |
| Original Location   | [REDACTED]   |

Information furnished by informant, as reflected above, was dictated by SA DAVID RYAN to a dictaphone on 10/15/59; transcribed on 10/19/59, by J. R. COURTNEY, and authenticated by informant on 10/26/59.

A copy of informant's oral report follows.

NY 100-64016

10/12/59

"German American"

The "German American" which is a German language newspaper published in NYC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] strictly follows the American CP line. This publication contains much information regarding the Soviet occupied zone of East Germany and all the individuals active in the publication of this newspaper are known to be Communist. b7D

The newspaper maintains its office in a single room on the third floor of the building located at 130 E. 16th St., NYC. [REDACTED]

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

November 17, 1959

SAC, Milwaukee (100-11982)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka  
National Committee to Secure  
Justice in the Rosenberg Case  
IS - C  
OO - New York

Private citizens have furnished this office copies of a form letter dated 11-4-59 on stationery of the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobel, 914 No. Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., addressed to "Dear Friend" and bearing the printed signature of JOHN GILMAN. This letter requests the recipient to write a letter to President Eisenhower in an effort to have the President grant amnesty to MORTON SOBELL, who is described in the letter as "an innocent man whose life is dribbling away." Accompanying the form letter is another letter, also apparently a form communication, already addressed to the President, urging him to grant freedom to SOBELL. This accompanying letter is ready to be signed and mailed.

GILMAN is currently chairman of the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. He is an active member of the Communist Party of Wisconsin, he is a member of the Milwaukee County Committee and of the State Committee of the Communist Party of Wisconsin.

Copies of the form letters described are attached for the Bureau. These letters were received today from [REDACTED]

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 2) (Registered Mail) (100-387835)
- 1 - New York (100-107111) (Registered Mail)
- 1 - MI 100-11982
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SAC, Atlanta (100-4953)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
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On 11/5/59, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] made available a copy of two letters, one dated 10/21/59, and the other dated 10/26/59, which letters were addressed to MORTON SOBELL from his wife, HELEN SOBELL. On 10/5/59, he also made available a copy of letter dated 9/17 and 18/59, to same address. b7D

These letters are being set forth verbatim, and the copies made available by the USP are forwarded herewith for the information, and any action deemed advisable by the New York Office.

"October 21, 1959  
10 P. M. Wed.

"My own most dearest Morty,

"Today I finally called and received confirmation of my TV broadcast, so now everything is set. I knew it was set, and yet, there was always the possibility of its falling through too. I spent most of the day at the Dr. today, being checked up, and so I feel very virtuous, but it was very time and energy consuming. I gather I'm pretty much all right except that old business with my left side, which precipitated my apendectomy is acting up a little, and I should probably check a little further into that. And my last operation did no good at all, or else the condition has repeated itself in

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"a little different location. But with all of this, I'm really in good condition, so you are just to take this as a report on me, and not cause for worry. Inasmuch as I was electrocariogrammed, blood tested, and fluoroscoped, checked for cancer, and examined internally, for the first time since I was last hospitalized, I have a feeling of being catagorized, at least.

"A funny thing. MARKO is doing a report on Moses, and I asked him if he hadn't read the story of how it was that Moses came to be living with a foster mother, and how she found him in the bullrushes. After MARKO was in bed he called to me, that he now knew that I was talking about because he had read in another book about it. 'But what did you mean about a herd of cattle?' he asked me. 'Cattle, I didn't say anything about cattle.' 'Oh yes you did'. 'Oh, you mean the bullrushes.' 'Yes'. So there you have it, a real live joke.

"Now I must really do a bit of studying up on facts and figures. I know many things, but I've been putting off getting them down specifically, I guess, because I wasn't sure everything would come out all right. It turns out it will not be a debate kind of thing because the format of the program is changed. I understand there will be a studio audience who will ask questions along with the interviewer. I hope it will go well, I think it will, but then I am always optimistic.

"Today is SYDNEY's birthday, and it seems so strange to think back so many years ago. I remember scenes, before, and at the hospital, but they are unconnected, and undetailed. How young I was!! Only a 1/2 year older than SYDNEY is now. A different life altogether, and I didn't even know you, and was very far from knowing that I loved you. I tried to call SYD tonight, but she was out, maybe I'll try again later.

"The house is clean, and we want grocery shopping this afternoon so we have plenty of food (probably too much since I am probably the only one who knows all there is, and the refrigerator is a 4 cu. ft. low one which conceals

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"its treasures well.) I wanted to make things easy for Mama, but I know they won't be too easy in any event. MARKO is very much engrossed in a Halloween play in which he is a hobo, and since he has been working with the other children, and is, I gather, now one of the in-group, life is very exciting. He spends quite a bit of time on homework these days. Not because there is so much homework, but because he doesn't concentrate. But at least he gets it done, but how he hates drill work but he does it.

"I have pretty well made up my mind to take it easy for the rest of the week so I'll be fresh for California, but we'll see how that resolution will work out. Incidentally, I saw where your concern over weight was born out by the new set of tables. Weight and blood pressure were two very important factors in longevity. At any rate, I'm 19 lbs. below my 'normal' weight. But I'm still working on the problem, although I don't seem to be making too much headway on this front either. An interesting fact that I have noted is that eating nutritious foods does leave me without the craving for sweets which I have had from time to time. In order, however to be well nourished, somehow I must take too many calories to lose weight. MARKO is amazing in this recent transaction. He has completely lost his tummy, and looks quite thin again, but his weight and height seem very much the same. It's redistribution, I guess. I was flattered because the nurse set the scale for 99 lbs. for me today. I was 117 with my shoes and gown. This is not also consequential letter, my love, but that's how I feel tonight. I love thee.

"Yours"



A 100-4953

"Mon. Night 8:45 P.M.  
Oct. 26, 1959 #115

"My own most dearly beloved MORTY,

"Our TV program was a fine success and I have heard many, many complimentary things on my handling of the questions, appearance, and everything. It ended up that I was questioned by a panel of 4 'experts'. Dr. SMITH from the Correctional Dept. in Sacramento, Mr. LEVY who was one of the assistant prosecutors against this man, a psychiatrist, Dr. STONE, and a civil libertarian, A. L. WRIN. The whole program was on a very high level, and all of the men were most respectful. I felt very easy once the program began, but it was quite a drain altogether. In the morning, I had spoken to the forum of the Unitarian Church and all had gone quite well except somehow I became quite emotional when I mentioned that you had been in prison from the time you were 33 until now you were 42, and I had to stop for awhile. But it all came out all right.

"Tomorrow I'll be ~~taping~~ another TV interview program and also there will be a radio program, all of which is very worthwhile. We'll be having company over pretty soon, but I hope it doesn't turn into too late in evening.

"I hope, my love, that all goes well with you and you are feeling good in every way. I may write a few more words in the morning unless I can have this mailed tonight. Good night, my love, I love thee with all my heart.

"Your wife, HELEN, all time.

"Good morning, or afternoon, my love,

"I had a taped TV interview this morning on the case and I felt it went very well. We may have more courage too. You'll forgive me for not writing more fully, my own. I kiss thee most warmly and lovingly. Your own,  
"HELEN"

AT 100-4953

"Sept. 17, 1959  
Thurs. 9:40 A.M.

"My own most dearly beloved MORTY,

"I'm Phoenix bound on a bright and beautiful day. The desert below is beautiful in its shades of tan and grey irregularly swirling up to peaks, cropping out in great rock formations, and stretching on and on and on.

"Our day yesterday was not too productive, especially by comparison with the day before, but the glow of having found such a powerful force as Steve Allen at work for us was still present. We have reservations for Monday, which is sloppy, but we're still trying to find them for Sunday. I did write to the Warden for permission to visit four hours in October and will probably have the reply shortly after arriving home.

"MARKO is remaining in L. A. and will go to Disney land with WIDGE, and other things, before I get back to pick him up. Today he is going to the Will Rogers Ranch which should be fun. I think he has really had a good summer and is much more relaxed altogether.

"Something just went funny with the plane, and now there is a sort of off balance knock, but I guess everything will turn out all right. Last night I was up until quite late getting packing done and things organized, and up again at 6:30 this morning so that it feels like the middle of the day now.

AT 100-4953

"We're coming in for the landing and it's a little bumpy."

"Sept. 18, 1959

"Good Morning, my love,

"It's a perfect morning and I look forward to a busy day. Yesterday after being met at the airport we went immediately to a radio interview, then to a luncheon meeting of the Ex. Board of the Phoenix Council of Churches, which later voted as a body to ask for a new trial, then on to see a Rabbi who will write, then an interview by a woman reporter, then an appointment with a school board member, and then a committee meeting in the evening. Today, I have a meeting scheduled with the Dean of the University, Temple U. and a meeting for the evening. Then for tomorrow evening there is another meeting, so with fill-ins, it will be pretty busy.

"I'm taking these few moments as I wait for my chauffeur who is a photographer. He wants to do some pictures, so maybe we'll have time for that too. You know, my love, how dearly I love thee. With all my heart,

"Your HELEN all time"

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-4953)  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SORELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950  
(OO: New York)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 6 copies of  
a letterhead memo recaptioned matter for any dissemination  
deemed necessary.

There is one copy enclosed for New York for infor-  
mation.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 6)
- 1 - New York (100-107111) (Info) (Encl. 1) *kw*
- 2 - Atlanta

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*



United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Atlanta, Georgia  
November 19, 1959

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

[REDACTED] advised on November 18, 1959, that subject's mother, Rose Sobell, of New York City, wrote a letter to the subject within the past day or two. This letter stated that she has written President Eisenhower four letters and has also written Press Secretary Maggerty on subject's behalf. She further advised that she is going to Washington, D. C., (date not shown) and stay there until she is granted an interview with President Eisenhower or Maggerty. b7D

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

11/19/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL,  
IS-C.

CP, USA - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
IS-C.

ReNYlet to the Director dated 11/4/59, captioned as above,  
which set forth background information for a proposed plan to  
counteract the continuing success of captioned organization among  
legitimate civic organizations;

A review of material obtainable from public sources which  
might easily be secured in order to refute the allegations and  
charges of captioned organization, in whole or in part, reveals  
three main documents, listed in order of their completeness:

A. "Trial by Treason - The National Committee to Secure  
Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell" dated 8/25/56,  
prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities,  
U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., which narrates  
the story of the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and characterizes  
personnel of the Committee and the allegations of the committee  
through 1956;

B. "The People Who Stole It From Us" by BILL DAVIDSON - an  
article on the background of the Rosenberg-Sobell Case appearing  
in the 10/29/57 issue of "Look" magazine which concludes with a  
summation of the allegations made by the committee and a refutation  
of each charge;

6 - BUREAU (100-387835) (RM)

(3 - 100-3-104)

(2) - NEW YORK (100-107111) (#41)

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Letter to Director

Re: National Committee to Secure  
Justice for Morton Sobell;

IS-C.

CP, USA-Counterintelligence Program,

IS-C.

C. "A New Look At The Rosenberg-Sobell Case" by  
NATHAN GLAZER - a reprint of an article appearing in the July  
2, 1956 issue of the magazine "The New Leader" which summarizes  
the Rosenberg-Sobell case and refutes allegations made by the  
committee concerning the conduct of the prosecution and the  
trial.

In view of the fact that public source material is  
possibly available, since it is not yet known whether or not  
any or all of the above material could be secured, the NYO  
recommends for consideration the following plan of action:

[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] be mailed anonymously a copy of the  
pamphlet "Trial by Treason" with a note stapled to the cover  
advising the recipient that in view of his sponsorship of an  
appeal by the committee he might be interested in the material  
on pages 5, 24, 47, 98, 113 and 117. It is contemplated that  
this note will arouse the curiosity of the recipient and might  
well result in the reading by the recipient of the entire  
pamphlet. After a two week interval, each signer would then  
be sent a copy of the "Look" article with an anonymous note  
requesting that the recipient read the article.

It is not contemplated at present that reprints of  
the GLAZER article be sent to any clergyman.

In the event that this program is successful it can  
be expanded and copies of both articles could be sent to other  
prominent individuals contacted by the committee in the various  
aspects of their campaigns.

No contact will be had by the NYO with officials of  
the Cowles Magazines, Inc., publishers of the "Look" article,  
and no steps will be taken to implement this plan pending  
Bureau instructions.

SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

November 24, 1959

SA JOHN J. FOARDE, JR.

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
IS - C

On October 13, 1959, [REDACTED] who has furnished **b7D**  
reliable information in the past, personally furnished to  
the writer a handwritten report containing the [REDACTED] **b7E**  
[REDACTED] of the bank account of captioned organization  
for the month of September, 1959. This account is maintained  
at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dear-  
born Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Use of this information in reports should be  
accompanied by the statement that the information cannot  
be made public except in the usual proceedings following  
the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

Report is filed in [REDACTED] **b7D**

Report, as it relates to captioned organization,  
is set forth as follows:

- 1 - New York (RM) (100-10711) (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL)
- 3 - Chicago **b7D**
  - 1 - [REDACTED]
  - 1 - 100-23177 (PRAGA PRESS)

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R.C. Schlenker  
Helen Dwyer

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| \$ 51.00      | General Service Administration    | Federal Reserve -<br>Chicago  |
| 6.21          | Loop Office Machines              | Chicago National -<br>Chicago |
| 7.50          | Comm. Secure Justice<br>M. Sobell | Corn Exchange -<br>New York   |
| 11.50         | Praga Press                       | Kaspar American -<br>Chicago  |
| 102.00        | Comm. Secure Justice<br>M. Sobell | Corn Exchange -<br>New York   |
| 10.42         | Illinois Bell                     | First National -<br>Chicago   |
| 100.00        | Comm. Secure Justice<br>M. Sobell | Corn Exchange -<br>New York   |

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: November 25, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL  
(CSJMS)  
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For uniformity in future reporting, you should henceforth report all activities relating to the CSJMS under instant case caption. The characterization for the national organization should also be brought up to date.

The characterization presently utilized for the national organization is set forth on page 60 of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated 1-2-57, prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which characterization is no longer accurate in this matter. Immediately prepare and submit for the Bureau's approval a characterization concerning the CSJMS in accordance with the instructions set forth in Part 1, page 63 of the FBI Handbook. Incorporate in your characterization, as a first paragraph, the following:

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated January 2, 1957, prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, on page 60 states, "Following the execution of atomic spies, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case'...."

The second paragraph should include data properly documented, setting forth any other changes in the name under which the organization was known, including its present name, (other than the ones listed above) together with the pertinent dates of such changes.

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The third paragraph should include data, preferably public source material, setting forth the fact the organization is still in existence and the location of its present headquarters. The above statements should not be considered all inclusive and are set forth merely as a guide in the preparation of your characterization.

The characterization submitted by your office, when approved by the Bureau, will be furnished the field in a SAC letter. Field offices having current investigations of captioned organization are being advised separately to use instant title in the future as well as to prepare suitable characterization for the affiliates operating in the respective offices.

Expedite.

SAC, Albany (100-13260)

November 25, 1959

Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C  
ISA OF 1950

To insure uniformity throughout the field in reporting data relative to the activities of captioned organization and its affiliates, the following instructions should be placed into effect immediately:

1. All future communications to the Bureau and interested field offices should be captioned "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" without mentioning in the title the name of any local committee in the particular field office as has been the practice of some offices in the past. For example, Albany will henceforth delete, in the title of all future communications in this matter, mention of the Albany Office affiliate, "Syracuse Sobell Committee."

2. All future communications should fully identify in the initial paragraphs of the communications the name of the affiliate concerning which information is being furnished, together with a statement showing the connection between the affiliate and the national organization. For example, Albany would handle in a manner similar to the following: "On 11-18-59, AL 123-S, (or T-1), advised the Syracuse Sobell Committee, the Syracuse, New York, affiliate of captioned organization, held a meeting on.. If an occasion arises where information concerning two or more affiliates is being reported in the same communication, each affiliate should be fully described in the above manner as a preface to the information being set forth concerning that affiliate.

1 - Boston (100-27290)  
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1 - Los Angeles (100-41648)  
1 - Miami (100-12292)  
1 - Milwaukee (100-11982)  
1 - Minneapolis (100-8894)  
① - New York (100-107111)

1 - Philadelphia (100-376667)  
1 - Phoenix (100-4333)  
1 - Portland (100-9004)  
1 - St. Louis (100-11726)  
1 - San Diego (100-9380)  
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3. Those offices which heretofore have carried the investigation concerning this matter under a caption which is at variance with the caption "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" shall show a "changed" title setting forth the correct title in the next communication to the Bureau in accordance with the instructions set forth in Part 1, page 44 of the FBI Handbook. Those offices should also make their next report submitted a "changed" title report.

4. New York is being advised by separate communication to prepare an up-to-date characterization of the national organization based on current information which will replace the characterization currently being used as set forth in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," as that characterization is no longer completely accurate. After Bureau approval of the New York characterization for the national organization, the field will be furnished the new characterization by an appropriate SAC Letter. Until receipt of this new characterization, previous instructions concerning characterization remain in effect.

5. Each office, excluding New York, upon receipt of this communication, should immediately prepare and submit for Bureau approval a suitable up-to-date characterization of each local affiliate of captioned organization currently active in the respective office. Each characterization should be prepared in accordance with the instructions set forth in Part I, page 63, of the FBI Handbook, dealing with "Characterizations" with particular attention being given to the instructions set forth in Section (e), page 65, of the Handbook. Buded for submission of the desired characterizations is 12-8-59. Each characterization should be prepared under caption of affiliate and submitted by cover letter under instant case caption. Upon receipt of SAC Letter with the approved characterization of the national organization, each office should then separately utilize the national characterization to implement the local characterization

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C;ISA of 1950

NY 2471-S\*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on 12/1/59, that JEAN FRANTJIS, self-identified as a member of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee (PSC), contacted the office of "The Worker", an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper published in NYC, on 12/1/59 and placed an advertisement which would appear in the next edition of the newspaper, stating that HELEN SOBELL would speak at a meeting sponsored by the PSC on Thursday, December 10th at the Epstein's, 5745 North Fairhill, Philadelphia, and that BILL ROBINSON, a singer, would entertain.

3-Bureau (100-387835) (RM)  
2-Philadelphia (100-37067) (RM)  
(1-JEAN FRANTJIS)  
1-New York (100-107111) (41)

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1-Supervisor #41

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

12/3/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL

(CSJMS)

SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION

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Re Bulet to NY, 11/25/59, which requested that the NYO submit a current characterization of captioned organization.

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated January 2, 1957, prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, on page 60 states, "Following the execution of atomic spies, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign' assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell, 'the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case'...."

Among the items of literature officially released or published over the masthead of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is a four page throwaway, using newspaper format, which has been irregularly published dated November, 1956, August, 1957, February, 1958, April, 1958, June, 1958 and July, 1959.

- 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-90311) (Thumbnail Sketch) (41)
- 1 - New York (100-107111)

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The November, 1956 issue entitled, "Morton Sobell - Prisoner on Our Conscience" and subsequent issues, including the July, 1959 issue entitled, "Today's Verdict", lists the national headquarters as being "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, New York" and refer to the organization as being the "Sobell Committee".

The 1959-1960 issue of the telephone directory for the Borough of Manhattan, NYC, lists "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell 940 Broadway".

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEWARK [REDACTED] b7D

FROM : SAA ARTHUR G. BARGER

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7D  
PCI

DATE: 11/17/59

PCI advised 11/16/59 that he clipped the following ad from the Sunday "New York Times" employment section:

"Wanted Field Representative. I need help to free my husband whom I know is innocent from prison. Our Committee working in his behalf requires Eastern Regional Representative, man or woman, skilled in field work, fund raising. Must be convinced of merits of case, able to travel in East, discuss case with community leaders. Salary open. Write qualifications and references to Mrs. Morton Sobell, Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 900 Broadway, New York City."

Above is furnished for appropriate action.

1 - [REDACTED] b7D  
1 - [REDACTED]  
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*COMMITTEE TO SECURE*

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ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign.....Reassign.....

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline.....

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Recharge serials

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Return serials

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Send Serials.....

to .....

☐ Submit new charge-out

☐ Submit report by .....

☐ Type

*Attached for your info and  
completion of files*

SAC *[Signature]*

Office *New York*

See reverse side

*Registered Mail*

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

December 2, 1959

SAC, BOSTON (100-27290)

CHANGED:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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(OO: NEW YORK)

ReBulet to Albany November 25, 1959.

The title of this communication is being marked "CHANGED" to set forth the title of the organization without mentioning the local affiliate thereof, as requested in reBulet.

A review of the file in the Boston Office fails to reflect that this organization is currently active in the Boston area. Accordingly, no characterization will be submitted at this time. If, in the future, a local affiliate of captioned organization does become active in the Boston area, a characterization thereof will be submitted at that time.

3 - Bureau (RM)

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(1 - 100-7254 - Thumbnail Sketches)

2 - New York (RM)

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2 - Boston

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)  
(100-129802)

DATE: December 3, 1959

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)  
(100-3-104)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurlet 11-19-59 in captioned matter.

The suggestion of the New York Office that a copy of the pamphlet "Trial by Treason" prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities relative to the Rosenberg-Sobell committee be sent to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has merit. However, the Bureau's efforts to obtain sufficient copies of this pamphlet have experienced difficulties due to the fact that it was prepared in 1956 and stockpiles of the particular item have dwindled considerably over the years. To date, ten copies have been obtained through sources of the Bureau. Depending upon the number finally obtained, the Bureau will consider sending available copies of this pamphlet to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and thereby cause considerable disruption and expense to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. It is felt at this time that two or three copies of the document will be sent to those offices where [REDACTED] reside with instructions to select likely targets for this operation. The New York Office will be promptly advised of the Bureau's final action in this matter. b7D

With regard to suggestions "B" and "C" set forth in relet, it would appear that the cost of obtaining original issues of the 10-29-57 issue of "Look" magazine as well as copies of the 7-2-56 issue of "The New Leader" would be prohibitive and duplicates of such articles would be treated with suspicion by recipients. The pamphlet

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RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
100-387835

"Trial by Treason" contains an excellent resume of public source material indicting the Rosenberg-Sobell committee and therefore no further consideration will be made to your other suggestions concerning articles to be mailed in this regard.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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On 12/1/59, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have each furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOSEPH E. SPIVEY that the Philadelphia Sobell Committee, the local affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, sent out announcements of an affair for Christmas Amnesty for MORTON SOBELL to be held at 8:30 P.M., 12/10/59, at the residence of HARRY and SARA EPSTEIN, 5745 North Fairhill Street, Philadelphia. This affair will feature Mrs. HELEN SOBELL as speaker and BILL ROBINSON, the singer. [REDACTED] b7D

The EPSTEINS are former Philadelphia Security Index subjects.

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3 - Bureau (100-387835)(RM)

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1 - [REDACTED] b7C

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

December 7, 1959

SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-11982)

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C; ISA OF 1950

ReBulet to Albany November 25, 1959.

The title of this communication, in accordance with instructions in reBulet, page two, paragraph 1, has been changed to show the correct title of this case. The title of this case was formerly carried by the Milwaukee Office as: "NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka. National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case."

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is an up-to-date characterization of the affiliate in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, of the captioned organization, the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. This affiliate is currently active. There are no other currently active affiliates of the captioned organization in the state of Wisconsin, the territory covered by the Milwaukee Office.

- 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (Encl.-2) (RM)
- (1) - New York (100-107111) (RM)
- 1 - Milwaukee (100-11982)

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, Albany (100-13260)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION"  
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Rebulet to Albany dated 11/25/59.

There is enclosed, for approval by the Bureau, characteri-  
zation of the Syracuse Sobell Committee, an affiliate of  
captioned organization.

- 3 - Bureau (100-187835) (Enc. 2) (RM)
  - 1 - New York (100-107111) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
  - 1 - Albany (100-13260)
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SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

On July 10, 1959 [REDACTED] Syracuse, New York, furnished an envelope to SA GEORGE P. SLIPSON postmarked at Syracuse, New York, July 9, 1959, with the return address of 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse 10, New York. This envelope had not been opened by [REDACTED] because he stated he was aware that it contained information regarding the MORTON SOBELL case [REDACTED]. The envelope, when opened in his presence and at his request, contained a mimeographed letter on the stationery of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, with the mimeographed subheading of Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse. b7D

This mimeographed message in part was as follows:

"This is an invitation to join the growing number of people who are concerning themselves in the case of Morton Sobell.

"The Syracuse Sobell Committee has during the past five years carried on various activities including several mailings which reached thousands and resulted in more and more Syracusans becoming aware of the strong possibility that a gross miscarriage of justice may have taken place..."

Also enclosed in this letter was a tabloid newspaper entitled, "Today's Verdict in the Case of Morton Sobell," July, 1959, edition, published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. On page 4 of this tabloid are listed numerous committees for Morton Sobell including the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, New York, and the Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

- On March 2, 1959, a confidential source furnished information showing that LILLIAN REINER (Mrs. HOWARD L. REINER), 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, was Chairman of the Syracuse Sobell Committee as of February, 1959.

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Another confidential source advised that LILLIAN REINER as of March 11, 1951, was not known as a member of the Communist Party at that time, but as Chairman of the American Labor Party was closely associated with Communist Party members.

See appendix for characterization of the American Labor Party.

The Communist Party, USA, has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] advised on December 5, 1952, that JANE ANDERSON was a long-time member of the Communist Party at Syracuse, New York. b7D

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The first confidential source utilized is [REDACTED] who b7D has furnished reliable information in the past.

The second confidential source utilized is [REDACTED] b7D who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York (100-129802)

DATE: December 15, 1959

✓ FROM: *[Signature]* Director, FBI (100-3-104)SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

[REDACTED]

As a counterintelligence operation, each office should promptly ascertain the full name and current address of [REDACTED] 67D  
[REDACTED] This data, when received, should be promptly furnished the New York Office. Sufficient personnel should be assigned this matter to insure that the Bureau's deadline of 12/23/59 for submission of all data is met. Each office should insure that the requested information is furnished New York in sufficient time to enable that office to meet the above deadline. 67D

New York should incorporate in a blind memorandum (four copies to the Bureau), suitable for dissemination, the names and addresses of [REDACTED] New York should insure that the names and addresses are complete unless there is some reason listed by the particular field office why the desired information could not be obtained. If such a situation should arise, this information should be set forth in your cover letter transmitting the desired memorandum. As pointed out above, Buded is 12/23/59. 67D

2 - Albany  
2 - Baltimore  
2 - Chicago  
2 - Cincinnati  
2 - Cleveland  
2 - Denver  
2 - Detroit  
2 - Los Angeles  
2 - Memphis  
2 - Miami  
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Letter to SAC, New York  
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
100-3-104

For the information of all offices involved in this counterintelligence move, New York has suggested that a copy of a pamphlet prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) entitled "Trial by Treason" which exposes the communist duplicity involved in the activities of the various Rosenberg and Sobell committees, be furnished [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on receipt of the names and addresses of [REDACTED] the Bureau will furnish this data to [REDACTED] so that the HCUA may consider contacting [REDACTED] and furnish him with a copy of the above-described pamphlet in an effort to influence this individual to withdraw his support.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

12/15/59

SAC, St. Louis (100-11726)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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RE: St. Louis report of SA CLARK S. SMITH dated 6/12/59

Since there has been no activities or meetings of the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell since 3/19/59, which were not reported in referenced report; no report is being submitted by the St. Louis Office in this matter as per instructions contained in Volume III of the Manual of Instructions, Section 87F, which states auxiliary offices are to submit reports when sufficient information has been developed to warrant their submission.

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- 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (Registered Mail)
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE December 16, 1959

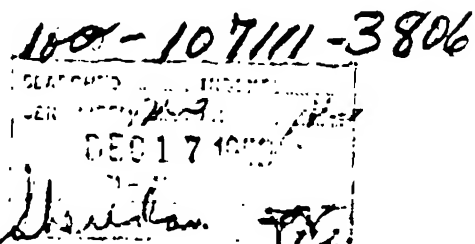
FROM: Director, FBI (100-387935)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION  
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Reurlet 12-3-59 in captioned matter.

The characterization as submitted by your office contains extraneous material. You should change the second paragraph of your characterization and merely include a statement that on a certain date, the name National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was adopted and on a certain date the name Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was adopted. The other data set forth in the second paragraph as well as the complete third paragraph of your characterization should be deleted.

The last paragraph on page two should be included in your amended sketch which should be submitted to reach the Bureau no later than 12-28-59 without fail.



## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, BOSTON

DATE: 12/16/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-139432)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF FIRST AMENDMENT DEFENDANTS  
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Identity of Source [REDACTED], who has  
furnished reliable info  
in the past (Conceal) **b7D**

Description of info Meeting of "First Amendment  
Defendants" held on 11/5/59

Date Received 11/13/59

Received by SA ROBERT O. JOHNSON  
(Written)

Original Located [REDACTED] **b7D**

The "National Guardian" of 11/2/59, Page 10,  
Column 2, announced that captioned organization was sponsor-  
ing a rally on 11/5/59, at the New York Center, 227 West  
46th St., NYC, at 8:00 P.M. which Dr WILLARD UPHAUS and  
LLOYD BARENBLATT could be one of the speakers.

A copy of informant's report follows:

NY 100-139432

November 6, 1959

On Thursday evening, November 5, 1959, a meeting was held at 226 W. 46th St., New York, N.Y. of the "First Amendment Defendants", composed of the so-called "Hollywood Ten."

The meeting opened at approximately 8:20 P.M. with I.F. STONE presiding as Chairman, and approximately 300 present.

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Mr. I. F. STONE first introduced WILLIAM PRICE, a newspaperman who gave a two-minute talk on the legality and necessity of the First Amendment.

Following Mr. PRICE, the following persons spoke for a period of about two to 5 minutes each, along the same or similar lines, some of them describing their experiences after having taken the Fifth Amendment in an effort to avoid testifying before the Un-American Activities Committee. Mr. I. F. STONE introduced each speaker with appropriate descriptions of their background and experience - and in addition to the subject of the First and Fifth Amendments, various other subjects were brought into the talks including the "Cold War", "McCarthyism", "Witch-hunts", "Integration", etc. Following talk by WILLIAM PRICE, the following people spoke in order as follows:



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Mrs. PAULINE BOYER (former teacher, now Psychiatric  
Social Worker)

HERMAN LIVRIGHT

CARL BRADEN

Dr. CORLISS LAMONT } (Two bracketed did not speak  
Dr. OTTO NATHAN } but were introduced)

THOMAS NELSON

ERNEST MACY (spelling?) of United Auto Workers

IRVING DILLIARD (St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

RING LARDNER, JR.

LLOYD BEHRENBLOTT

HARVEY O'CONNOR

Dr. MEECHAM

Dr. UPHAUS

Just previous to IRVING DILLIARD, Miss KERCHWAY, Mr. STONE's associate editor, took the microphone to read aloud several telegrams of good wishes and to announce that although CLARENCE PICKETT could not be present due to illness, he had sent his representative. Following Miss KERCHWAY, entertainment was provided by PETE SEEGAR, a Folk Singer, who sang anti-war songs and "brotherhood" type arrangements accompanying himself on the guitar and persuading the audience to join him in the choruses.

Meeting was interrupted by a collection and it was announced that ANNETTE RUBENSTEIN had contributed \$10 and the Sobell Committee - \$25. Mr. and Mrs. MC MANUS had given \$10, and there were announcements of many other contributions. At the conclusion of Mr. UPHAUS' speech, the meeting concluded.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To: SAC, NEW YORK (100-97078)

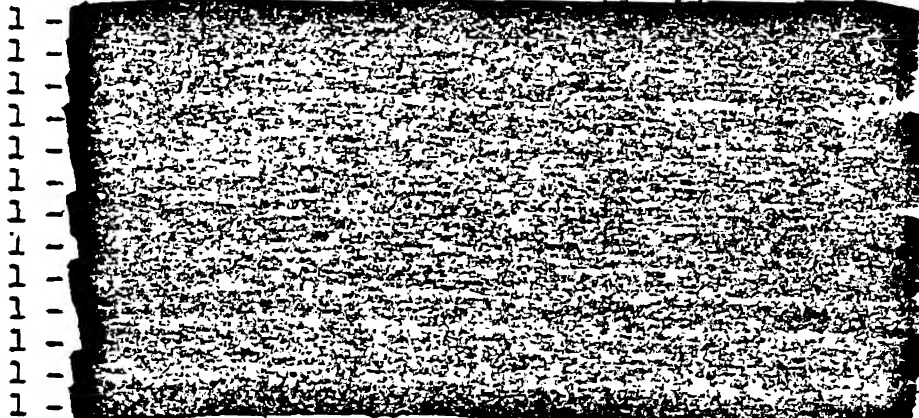
Date: 12/16/59

From: SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, Jr.

Subject: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY-NYL  
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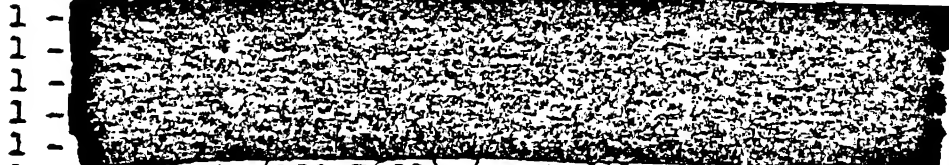
On 11/10/59, NY 2595-S\*, who was in a position to furnish material maintained in the office of the Organizer, New York Local, SWP, 116 University Place, NYC, made available to SAs GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR., NORMAN E. COWLES, and ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR. the material described below which was photographed by the agents. Negative film is located in NY 100-4013-1A2229.

1 - New York (100-135320) (UISC) (413)



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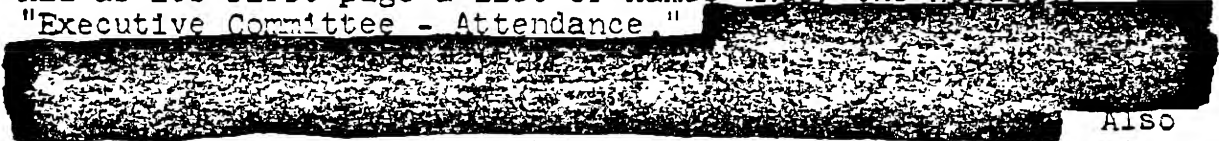
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Extreme caution should be exercised in utilizing information furnished by NY 2595-S\*, in order that the identity of this highly confidential source is not compromised.

NY 2595-S\* made available a looseleaf notebook which had as its first page a list of names under the heading "Executive Committee - Attendance."

 Also located in the above-described notebook were handwritten minutes of meetings held 10/12, 10/19 and 11/2/59. b7D

The material furnished by NY 2595-S\* is being quoted below for information of pertinent New York files and photographs of the original material are attached to copy of instant memo in 100-97078.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ATTENDANCE

| Keys (Co) | 10/12 | 10/19 | 11/2 |
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 10 - 12 - 59

Agenda

- I Organization
- A. Education

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- B. Literature
- C. Social
- D. Finance
- E. Legislative Rep
- F. Contact
- G. Organizer

- 2. Dobbs - Tour - Nov 20 or 21
- 3. Xmas Bazaar - Dec 19
- 4. Social - Trotsky School Students
- 5. Brooklyn Hq
- 6. Forums
- 7. Classes
- 8. Sub, Drive

9. Youth Report  
Chairmen - Arthur L.

Following Post Filled

- A. Education - Murry F.
- B. Literature - Priscilla
- C. Social - Hedda
- D. Finance - held open
- E. Legislative Rep - Murry Z.
- F. Contact Director - Ethel B.
- G. Organizer - Dick

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2. Dobbs Tour

Friday Nov 20 for Tour date in New York.

3. Bazaar

Held over

4. Social for Trotsky School

To be held Oct 24th, also House Social at Elaine's for Fund Drive

5. Brooklyn Hq

Brooklyn: to open Hq in down town area.  
Comrade to live in Hq and share expenses of rent. Brooklyn Committee to be set up to assume responsibility of Hq and work.

6. Forums

Forum - Committee

Harry Publicity  
Paul - arrangement of speakers  
Art Loben  
Anne R.

7. Classes

A. Very successful classes in Brooklyn. Nine non-party people at last class

B. General Discussion on classes  
Bert D to give class on H.R.R.

8. Sub Drive

Oct 15th to start drive. This coming Sunday for mobilization. Drive to last 2 months. Meet at Hq at 10:30 o'clock.

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9. Youth

Report by Lucky

10. Next exec for Monday of next week

COMMITTEE MEETING 10 - 19 - 59

Agenda

1. Chairmen
  2. Reading of minutes
  3. Sub-Campaign Report
  4. Bazaar
  5. Social
  6. Brooklyn
  7. Legislation
  8. Good and Welfare
  9. Youth
  10. Perspectives
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1. Chairman - Ethel B.
2. Minutes Read and accepted
3. Sub Campaign

1 Sub. gotten at last sub mobilization

Discussion around the question of going cold to get new subs.

- A. Teams to be set up
- B. Part of teams to go to projects
- C. Part of teams to go out to visits names on ISP list and renewals.

2. Bazaar-

- A. Sylvia W. to take charge of Bazaar
- B. Date Dec. 12th



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3. Social

Halloween social set for Oct 31  
House socials to be organized part of the funds to go city  
and part to fund Drive  
Brooklyn social Nov 14th

4. Brooklyn

15 people at last Class in Brooklyn Hq to be called  
Workers Educational Center (corrected)

5. Legislative

Harold R to work on Legislative Committee

6. Good and Welfare

- A. Date for Farrells mtg confirmed for Nov 20th
- B. Internal meeting for Farrell's report on Dec 23.
- C. Bea H to canvass membership to have comrades  
join NAACP

7. Youth

Report by Lucky on Schedule of Youth activities.

8. Perspectives

- A. Report on UISC meeting  
General discussion on perseptive.

Next meeting 2 weeks.

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Chairman - Lucky

Minutes - Read and accepted

Farrell's mtg - preparation for Farrell's mtg.  
Proposal to change branch mtg from Thursday to Wednesday,  
Nov 18th

Organizers Report -

- A. Letter from Detroit read on petition Campaign
- B. Sobell Committee having national conference - comrades that were active on committee should attend.
- C. Brooklyn social changed to Nov 7th.

Youth Report

General report on Youth work.

Social Report

\$70 made on Halloween social.

Sub Drive

12 new sub-7 subs from comrade

U.I.S.C.

- A. U.I.S.C. Committee dissolved
- B. Final affair on Dec 6th for Bill Price.  
Funds to go to liquidating debt. Report to be given to branch on this and formation of new committee.

Trade Union

Proposal Tom K to be sent as observer to meeting

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1 opposed

motion carried

Motion to ask PC to assign comrade to work with committee -

carried

In regard to the attendance list quoted on page two of instant letter, the heading "Keys (Co)" with check marks listed below at the names "Dick G." and "Priscilla", is believed to indicate that DICK GARZA and PRISCILLA RING have keys to the City Office of the New York Local SWP.

FILE DESCRIPTION

NEW YORK FILE

SUBJECT ROSENBERG /  
SOBELL COMMITTEE

FILE NO. 100-107111

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| 3811   | 12/16/59 | Letter from NY to CG                             | 6            | —        |   | NY File # 100-109849   |
| 3812   | 12/16/59 | Letter from NY to AL                             | 4            | —        |   | NY File # 100-109849   |
| 3813   | 12/17/59 | Letter from NY to PH                             | 6            | —        |   | NY File # 100-109849   |
| 3814   | 12/17/59 | AIRTEL From LA to HQ                             | 2            | 1        |   |  |
| 3815   | 12/17/59 | AIRTEL From PH to HQ                             | 2            | —        |   | NY File # 100-109849   |
| 3816   | 12/18/59 | AIRTEL From NH to HQ                             | 1            | —        |   | REFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY   |
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| 3818   | 12/18/59 | Letter from NY to HQ                             | 1            | 1        |   |  |
| 3818A  | 12/18/59 | Informant Report                                 | 1            | 0        |   |  |
| 3819   | 12/19/59 | AIRTEL From DE to NY                             | 1            | 1        |   |  |
| 3820   | 12/18/59 | Letter from NY to NH                             | 4            | 0        |   |  |
| 3820A  | 12/18/59 | Informant Report                                 | 1            | 0        |   |  |

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| 3822   | 12/19/59 | AIRTEL From PH to HQ                             | 1            | 1        |   |  |
| 3823   | 12/21/59 | AIRTEL From CH to NY                             | 7            | 7        |   |  |
| 3824   | 12/21/59 | AIRTEL From AL to HQ                             | 1            | 1        |   |  |
| 3825   | 12/24/59 | AIRTEL From BA to NY                             | 1            | 1        |   |  |
| 3826   | 12/22/59 | Letter from SD to NY                             | 1            | 1        |   |  |
| 3827   | 12/21/59 | Letter from CB to NY                             | 2            | 2        |   |  |
| 3828   | 12/20/59 | Letter from PH to HQ                             | 2            | -        |   | REFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY   |
| 3829   | 12/22/59 | teletype from PX to NY                           | 1            | 1        |   |  |
| 3830   | 12/23/59 | teletype from LA to NY                           | 3            | 3        |   |  |
| 3831   | 12/23/59 | Letter from AL to HQ                             | 2            | 2        |   |  |
| 3832   | 12/24/59 | teletype from PH to HQ + NY                      | 1            | 1        |   |  |

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| 3833   | 12/24/54 | Letter from NK to HQ                             | 19           | 0        |   |  |
| 3834   | 12/24/54 | AIRTEL From SF to NY                             | 3            | 3        |   |  |
| 3834A  | 12/30/54 | Letter from HQ to 3rd Party                      | 3            | 3        |   |  |
| 3835   | 12/28/54 | AIRTEL From NY to HQ                             | 28           | 1        |   |  |
| 3836   | 12/31/54 | AIRTEL From NY to HQ                             | 4            | 2        |   |  |
| 3836A  | 1/3/60   | 3rd Party letter to HQ                           | 1            | 1        |   |  |
| 3836B  | 1/4/60   | Informant Report                                 | 1            | 0        |   |  |
| 3837   | 1/5/60   | SA memo to SAC                                   | 3            | —        |   | NY File # 100-109849   |
| 3837A  | 1/6/60   | SA memo to SAC                                   | 4            | 4        |   |  |
| 3837B  | 1/6/60   | SA memo to SAC                                   | 3            | —        |   | NY File # 100-109849   |
| 3837C  | 1/6/60   | SA memo to SAC                                   | 4            | —        |   | NY File # 100-109849   |
| 3837D  | 1/6/60   | SA memo to SAC                                   | 2            | —        |   | NY File # 100-109849   |

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| 3838   | 1/7/60 | letter from NY to BS                             | 7            | -        |   | NY File # 100-109849 1   |
| 3839   | 1/9/60 | SA memo to SAC                                   | 3            | -        |   | NY FILE # 100-109849   |
| 3839A  | 1/7/60 | letter from HQ to 3rd Party                      | 2            | 2        |   |  |
| 3840   | 1/8/60 | SA memo to SAC                                   | 3            | -        |   | NY FILE # 100-109849   |
| 3841   | 1/8/60 | SA memo to SAC                                   | 3            | -        |   | NY FILE # 100-109849   |
| 3842   | 1/8/59 | SA memo to SAC                                   | 1            | 1        |   |  |
| 3842A  | 1/8/60 | Newspaper Clipping From NATIONAL GUARDIAN        | 1            | 1        |   |  |
| 3843   | 1/8/60 | SA memo to SAC                                   | 2            | -        |   | NY File # 100-109849   |
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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED 100-107111-38

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-32813)  
SUBJECT: METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION  
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[REDACTED] has furnished the December 1959 issue of "Social Questions Bulletin," a publication of the Methodist Federation for Social Action. The leading article apparently written by the Publications Editor, Rev. JACK R. McMICHAEL, is entitled "Christmas and the Case of MORTON SOBELL." b1

This article contains the observations of various clergymen on the SOBELL case, all of which are favorable to SOBELL, and concludes,

"We agree with the appeal of clergymen, including a number of MFSAers, directed to the President, and asking him, in the name of mercy, to use his 'great office to urge a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, or grant him clemency by commutation of his sentence.' We are not experts on the case of MORTON SOBELL. But we believe our nation, and its libertarian reputation, can only gain if the President either commutes MORTON SOBELL's long and hard sentence, or grants him the privilege of a new trial in today's more dispassionate atmosphere. It would be an appropriate Christmas act of justice, mercy, and love. We join in urging that course on President EISENHOWER and suggest that you, by letter, do the same."

- 3 - Bureau (AIR MAIL)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - New York (REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Francisco (REGISTERED)
- 3 - Los Angeles (100-32813)(100-43372 - CINAL)  
(100-41648 - LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE)

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12/18/59

AIR TEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-800)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
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ReBulet 12/15/59 making reference to urlet 11/13/59 captioned "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell", setting forth identities of 282 clergymen who are sponsoring a "Clergymen's Appeal to the President". One of the clergymen mentioned in relet 11/13/59 was Rabbi DAVID J. SUSSKIND, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Current St. Petersburg telephone directory reflects this person's address is as follows:

Rabbi DAVID J. SUSSKIND  
100 79th St., S.  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

- 3 - New York (AM)(EM)  
    (1 - NY 100-107111)(NCSJMS)  
2 - Miami  
    (1 - MM 100-12292)(NCSJMS)

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P. Sheridan

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS)  
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION  
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ReBulet to NY, 11/25/59, which requested that the NYO submit a current characterization of captioned organization; NY letter to Bureau dated 12/3/59, and Bulet 12/16/59, requesting modification of the NY letter.

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

(The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated January 2, 1957, prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, on page 60, ~~states~~ <sup>reads</sup> "Following the execution of atomic spies, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case' ....")

In September, 1954, the name <sup>current</sup> "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the name, <sup>just</sup> "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell", also appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 issue of the Telephone Directory for ~~the~~ Borough of Manhattan, NYC, lists "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" 940 Broadway."

2-Bureau (100-387835) (RM)

1-New York: (100-90311) (Thumbnail Sketch) (41)

1-New York: (100-107111)

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**AIRMAIL**

**TO: SAC, New York (100-129802)**  
**FROM: SAC, Detroit (134-706)**

**CP, USA**  
**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM**  
**IS-C**

Re Bureau letter 12/15/59 referencing New York letter 11/13/59, captioned "National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL", which set forth the identity of 282 clergymen throughout the country who are sponsoring a "Clergymen's Appeal to the President on behalf of MORTON SOBELL".

The following clergymen were listed in New York's letter and their correct name and address are as follows:

Rev. DONALD K. BLACKIE, 1840 Crescent Drive, NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

DR. HARRY ESSRIG (Rabbi), 2629 Elmwood Drive, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

② - New York

① - 100-107111) (THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)

2 - Detroit

(1 - 100-20938) (THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)  
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-42359)  
RE: CP, USA  
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ReBulet 12/15/59 directing that New York be furnished correct names and addresses of clergymen sponsoring "Appeal to the President on Behalf of Morton Sobell."

Of clergymen in Newark Division list, it has been determined that Rabbi JOSHUA TRACHTENBERG of Teaneck, N.J. is deceased. Correct names and addresses for other follow:

Rabbi MORRISON D. BIAL  
208 Summit Avenue  
Summit, N.J.

Rabbi ISRAEL MARGOLIES  
572 Sunderland Road  
West Englewood, NJ

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1 - Newark  
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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104)**  
**FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-13274)**  
**SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA**  
**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY-C**

ReBulet to New York, 12/15/59 captioned as above and New York letter to Bureau, 11/13/59 captioned "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell; IS-C."

The Pittsburgh clergyman listed on page 6 of New York relet is Rev. LEROY PATRICK, 233 Mayflower St., Pittsburgh 6, Pa., who is pastor of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, 201 Paulson Ave., Pittsburgh 6, Pa.

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2-New York (100-129802) (RM)  
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**AIRTEL**

**AIRMAIL**

**TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)**

**FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-23089)**

**COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
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Re Bureau letter dated 12/15/59 captioned as above and New York letter dated 11/13/59 captioned "National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL".

In accordance with referenced Bureau letter, the name and address of each clergyman in the Cleveland area listed in referenced New York letter is set forth as follows:

Rev. RICHARD T. ANDREWS, JR.  
Mt. Zion Congregational Church  
9703 Parmalee Avenue  
Cleveland 8, Ohio

Rev. DONALD L. BENEDICT  
Intercity Protestant Parish  
4514 Franklin Blvd.  
Cleveland 2, Ohio

Rev. RUSSELL H. BISHOP  
First Baptist Church  
3274 Lansmers Road  
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Rev. BENJAMIN J. BLACK, JR.  
Brooklyn Memorial Methodist Church  
2705 Archwood Avenue  
Cleveland 9, Ohio

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Rev. CHARLES H. BRIGHT  
Ridgewood Methodist Church  
6331 Stanbury Road  
Cleveland 29, Ohio

Rev. H. RICHARD BUCEY  
Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church  
3525 West 25th Street  
Cleveland 9, Ohio

Rev. JOHN LYNN CARR  
7386 Pearl Road  
Cleveland 30, Ohio

Rev. SAMUEL H. CASSEL  
4213 West 223rd Street  
Cleveland 26, Ohio

Rev. RALPH H. CHAPMAN  
North Ridgeville, Ohio

Rev. S. L. COLE  
Morning Star Baptist Church  
650 Parkwood Drive  
Cleveland 8, Ohio

Rev. JOSEPH C. COLES, JR.,  
Lane Metropolitan Christian  
Methodist Episcopal Church  
2131 East 46th Street  
Cleveland 3, Ohio

Rev. CLARENCE A. COLWELL  
Collinwood Congregational Church  
903 East 150th Street  
Cleveland 10, Ohio

Rev. OLIVER DAVID, JR.  
Mentor, Ohio

- Rev. JACOB T. DICK  
3877 Albrecht  
Akron, Ohio

Rev. GEORGE E. DREW  
Lakewood Congregational Church  
1375 West Clifton Blvd.  
Cleveland 7, Ohio

Rev. GEORGE EBERHARD  
Eighth Evangelical Reformed Church  
2409 Willowdale Avenue  
Cleveland 9, Ohio

Rev. LUDWIG C. EMICHOLZ  
Pilgrim Congregational Church  
2592 West 14th Street  
Cleveland 13, Ohio

Rev. NORMAN H. FLICKINGER  
27 E. Grace  
Bedford, Ohio

Rev. DONALD R. FLORY  
6148 Engle  
Brookpark, Cleveland, Ohio

Rabbi ALAN S. GREEN  
21949 Byron Road  
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Rev. EMIL HELM  
Christ Evangelical Reformed Church  
9807 Cudell Avenue  
Cleveland 2, Ohio

Rev. LUTHER F. HILL  
Second Mt. Sinai Baptist Church  
2620 E. 75th Street  
Cleveland 4, Ohio

Rev. VERNON HOLLOWAY  
6955 Arlington  
Brecksville, Ohio

Rabbi PHILIP HOROWITZ  
17910 Scotsdale  
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Rev. ANGUS C. HULL, JR.  
Cleveland Baptist Association  
1854 Rosemont Rd.  
Cleveland 12, Ohio

Rabbi HUGO H. KLEIN  
3495 Shannon  
Cleveland 18, Ohio

Rev. B. ROBERT LAWSON  
Emmanuel Baptist Church  
1512 E. 106th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Rev. YODER P. LEITH  
Forest Hill Presbyterian Church  
3030 Monticello Blvd.  
Cleveland 18, Ohio

Rabbi ARTHUR J. LELYVELD  
10229 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland 8, Ohio

Rev. RICHARD E. MATERA  
68 East Bagley Road  
Berea, Ohio

Rev. WADE H. MC KINNEY  
Antioch Baptist Church  
8869 Cedar Avenue  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Rev. EDWARD L. MITCHELL, M. D.  
3782 West 140th St.  
Cleveland 11, Ohio

Rev. MERRILL E. NELSON  
Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church  
12702 Abell Avenue  
Cleveland 20, Ohio

Rev. HENRY L. NOFFKE  
23936 Hedgewood  
Westlake, Ohio

Rev. HENRY J. PAYDEN  
The Greater Abyssinia Baptist Church  
1161 East 105th Street  
Cleveland 8, Ohio

Rabbi HERNARD PERELMUTER  
3363 Warrensville Center Road  
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Rev. BURNELL J. PETERSON  
545 Bay Fair  
Bay Village, Ohio

Rev. RICHARD W. PETTIT  
282 Bassett Road  
Bay Village, Ohio

Rev. ROBERT A. RAINES  
20609 Balfour Road  
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Rev. WALTER W. RALPH  
13918 Woodworth Road  
Cleveland 12, Ohio

Rev. ALDINE L. RITER  
Ebenezer Evangelical United Brethern Church  
2191 West 65th Street  
Cleveland 2, Ohio

Rev. RICHARD R. RODES  
4314 West 226th Street  
Cleveland 26, Ohio

Rev. NORMAN H. RODY  
Pilgrim Congregational Church  
2592 West 14th Street  
Cleveland 13, Ohio

Rev. S. WALTER ROSHAVEN  
225 Union  
Bedford, Ohio

Rev. DAVID A. RYAN  
1553 Chardon Road  
Cleveland 17, Ohio

Rev. PETER H. SAMSON  
20401 Hilliard Road  
Cleveland 16, Ohio

Rev. PAUL E. SHANABROOK  
St. Mark United Church of Christ  
15502 Louis Avenue  
Cleveland 11, Ohio

Rev. M. C. SOUTHERLAND  
Bethany Baptist Church  
1211 East 105th Street  
Cleveland 8, Ohio

Rev. WILLIAM E. TOWNER  
East Cleveland Baptist Church  
14516 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland 12, Ohio

Rev. WILLIAM T. TURNBULL  
Brooklyn United Presbyterian Church  
4308 Pearl Road  
Cleveland 9, Ohio

Rev. LLOYD B. VOLKMAN  
Willoughby, Ohio

Rev. LOWELL WELLMAN  
4681 Dornur Drive  
Cleveland 9, Ohio

Rev. E. T. WIKLE  
(Not listed in directories)

Rev. JOSEPH M. WILCOX  
Parma Christian Church  
5902 Haverhill Avenue  
Cleveland 29, Ohio

Rev. J. ROBERT WILLS  
10210 Robinson  
Cleveland 25, Ohio

Rev. MILTON E. WILSON  
Liberty Baptist Church  
3307 East 135th Street  
Cleveland 20, Ohio

Rev. RAY M. WOLFORD  
Cleveland Disciples Union  
2056 East 4th Street  
Cleveland 15, Ohio



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Rev. DONALD L. WRIGHT  
3970 Lee Road  
Cleveland 28, Ohio

Rev. C. WILLIAM YEHNERT  
Parma Evangelical United Brethren  
5930 State Road  
Cleveland 34, Ohio

12/21/59

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104)  
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (100-16892)  
RE: CP, USA  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
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Rebulet to New York dated 12/15/59, and New York letter to Bureau dated 11/13/59, in case captioned "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, IS - C," which set out information for the Albany office concerning a list of clergymen sponsoring an appeal to the President on behalf of SOBELL.

The names of the clergymen residing in the district of the Albany office with their current addresses are set forth as follows:

Rev. HOWARD C. ACKERMAN, 138 Clifton Place,  
Syracuse, New York;

Rev. GEORGE L. FREAR, JR., 633 West Onondaga St.,  
Syracuse, New York;

Rev. G. SHUBERT FRY, 140 Lake Street, Chittenango,  
New York;

Rev. DONALD R. GRINDY, 1211 Meadowbrook Drive,  
Syracuse, New York;

Rev. CHARLES L. HESS, 511 Wadsworth St., Syracuse,  
New York.

Rev. RICHARD A. NEWMAN, (no number) Rita Drive, North  
Syracuse, N. Y.

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- 3 - Bureau (100-3-104) (RM)  
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1 - Albany (100-16892)

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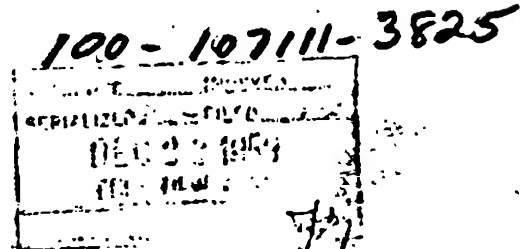
TO : SAC, New York (100-129802)  
FROM : SAC, Baltimore (100-20088)  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
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ReBulet to New York dated 12/15/59 referencing New York letter dated 11/13/59 captioned, "NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL."

One clergyman residing in the area covered by the Baltimore Office was mentioned in re New York letter dated 11/13/59. This clergyman is Rabbi SAMUEL GLASNER, 5800 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore. He maintains a study at this address, and resides at 5940 Cross Country Blvd., Baltimore.

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SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-11554)

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Rebulet to New York 12-15-59 and New York letter to Bureau dated 11-13-59 entitled "NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL; IS - C".

The following names and addresses have been obtained for the ministers signing the "Clergymen's Appeal to the President" on behalf of MORTON SOBELL, who reside in the San Diego Division:

Rev. JOHN RUSKIN CLARK  
2485 Moonstone Drive  
San Diego, California

Rev. GRANDISON MADISON PHELPS, Jr.  
401 32nd Street  
San Diego, California

ALBERT MARION SMITH, Jr.  
2877 Thorn Street  
San Diego, California

DAVID J. MC GOWN  
5339 West Palms View Drive  
San Diego, California

The full name of MC GOWN could not be ascertained through public sources and accessible records such as credit, criminal, etc. and an open inquiry, in view of the nature of the activity was not deemed advisable. RUC

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet dated 12/15/59, and New York letter dated 11/13/59.

The following is a list of the names and addresses of each clergyman appearing in referenced New York letter, residing in Chicago. This information is furnished in accordance with instructions set out in referenced Bureau letter:

Rev. WILLIAM T. BAIRD  
7348 South Dorchester  
Chicago, Illinois

Dr. MARKUS BARTH  
4846 South Kimbark  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. EUGENE D. BEYE  
5269 North Elston Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. MERRYL D. BOOKER  
6942 South Stewart  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. FRED CAPPUCCINO  
6409 South Sangamon  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. DEWEY P. FAGERBURG  
12145 South Stewart  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. DAVID<sup>K.</sup> FISON  
10507 South Yates  
Chicago, Illinois

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Rev. JOHN A. FLETCHER  
10729 South Maplewood  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. JOSEPH P. KING  
3035 West 55th Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. PHILIP U. MARTIN,  
720 South Oakley  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. DONALD L. NEAD  
1923 South Shelby  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. VICTOR OBENHAUS  
5549 South Woodlawn  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. LESLIE T. PENNINGTON  
1201 East 56th Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. DAVID RAMAGE, JR.  
7009 South Peoria  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. LEONARD G. STYCHE  
5326 South Hyde Park  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. B. O. TOLENTINO  
1848 West Van Buren  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. PAUL O. WHITTLE  
5812 N. Miltimore Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

TO SAC NEW YORK  
FROM SAC PHOENIX 19  
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, IS 2  
REBULET TO NY DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF  
CLERGYMEN IN PHOENIX DIVISION SET FORTH, PHOENIX, ARIZONA  
REV. EUGENE E. DELL, ONE THREE ONE N. TWENTYEIGHTH AVENUE  
REV. HARRY CALDERATH, EIGHT ONE FIVE S. TWENTYNINTH AVENUE.  
REV. DAVID L. JONES, ONE SIX ONE TWO W. NORTHERN AVENUE.  
REV. LEONARD L. PATTERSON, SEVEN FOUR NAUGHT NINE W. TENTH ST.  
REV. STEPHEN O. REDACRE, ONE ONE TWO W. CORONADO ROAD.  
REV. WILLIAM H. STEVENS, JR., ONE FIVE NAUGHT ONE E. CORONADO RD.  
TUCSON, ARIZONA  
RABBI MARCUS BREGER, TWO THREE NAUGHT TWO EAST NINTH  
REV. JOE HARRINGTON, THREE SIX TWO SOUTH MEYER.  
CHANDLER, ARIZONA.  
REV. EDWARD R. JAMES, ONE ONE NAUGHT E. SARACOSA.  
GILBERT, ARIZONA  
REV. WILLIAM A. WENDERSON, SIX NINE EIGHT S. MAIN  
TEMPE, ARIZONA.  
REV. J. JOSEPH MC INTYRE, ONE NAUGHT ONE ONE MAPLE AVENUE.

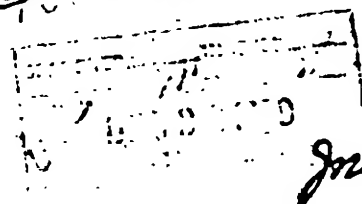
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TO SAC NEW YORK

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 3 P

CP, USA. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM. IS DASH C. REDULET  
REC. FIFTEEN LAST. SET FORTH AS FOLLOWS ARE FULL NAMES  
AND CORRECT ADDRESSES OF CLERGYMEN RESIDING IN LOS ANGELES  
TERRITORY WHO APPEALED TO THE PRESIDENT ON BEHALF OF MORTON  
SOBEL--RABBI BEN ZION BERGMAN, ONE FIVE SEVEN THREE NINE  
VENTURA BLVD. ENDING, CALIF.--REV. JESSE W. COLEMAN,  
TWENTYNINE HAMMOND ST., PASADENA, CALIF.--REV. WILFORD K.  
FENTON, ONE NINE ZERO ONE PALO VERDE AVE., LONG BEACH, CALIF.--  
REV. C. LEROY DOTY, JR., THREE THREE TWO ZERO MAGNOLIA ST., LONG  
BEACH, CALIF.--REV. ELTON DURMAN, TWO FIVE THREE ZERO  
SEVEN OAK ST., LOMITA, CALIF.--REV. HERBERT U. EZZELL, ONE  
FIVE FIVE ONE WILMINGTON BLVD., WILMINGTON, CALIF.--REV.  
WILBUR H. FRANKLIN, ONE ONE SIX PALOMA AVE., LONG BEACH, CALIF.--  
REV. EMERSON C. HANGER, THREE FIVE ZERO EIGHT EAST SECOND ST., LONG  
BEACH, CALIF.--REV. STEPHEN W. FRITCHMAN,  
TWO NINE THREE SIX W. EIGHTH ST., LOS ANGELES--RABBI IRVING  
DAIS, ONE FIVE SIX SEVEN GRACIOS AVE., LOS ANGELES--DR.  
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HARMON H. GERR, FOUR EIGHT EIGHT S. EUCLID ST., PASADENA,  
CALIF.--REV. E.L. HOLMES, SIX ZERO SIX WESTMINSTER AVE.,  
VENICE, CALIF.--REV. ARCHIE HATSON, TWO FIVE ZERO EIGHT AND  
ONE HALF REPETTO ST., MONTEBELLO, CALIF.--REV. JOHN W.  
NESSER, THREE TWO FOUR CORONADO AVE., LONG BEACH, CALIF.--  
RABBI S. MICHAEL ROTH, FIVE ZERO SIX ZERO HAZELTINE ST.,  
VAN NUYS, CALIF.--REV. PAUL W. SAUVER, SEVEN EIGHT ONE FIVE  
MESPERIA ST., RESEDA, CALIF.--RABBI MEIER SCHIMMEL, ONE ONE  
SEVEN FOUR EIGHT RIVERSIDE DR., NO. HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.--REV.  
THEODORE C. MONOLD, THREE SEVEN NINE E. ORANGE GROVE AVE.,  
PASADENA, CALIF.--REV. J. STUART INNERST, ONE FIVE ONE S.  
SAN GABRIEL ST., PASADENA, CALIF.--REV. HAROLD E. JOHNSON,  
THREE ZERO NINE MINDRY ST., MANTHORNE, CALIF.--RABBI VOLLI  
KAELTER, EIGHT SEVEN FOUR LEES AVE., LONG BEACH, CALIF.--  
REV. H. ROBERT KEDLER, SEVENTYNINE N. HOLLISTON ST., PASADENA,  
CALIF.--RABBI MERCHON LYON, FIVE TWO FOUR NINE S.  
SEPULVEDA BLVD., GLENVIEW CITY, CALIF.--REV. LESTER W.  
HOFFMAN, EIGHT SEVEN TWO TWENTYFIRST ST., SAN PEDRO, CALIF.--  
REV. KELLY KEY, FOUR SIX SEVEN EIGHT W. ADAMS BLVD., LOS  
ANGELES--REV. J. BRIAN REID, FIVE FIVE FIVE ZERO W. FIRST  
ST., LA--REV. HARLAN R. VAITE, ONE NINE ONE SIX ESCORPA  
DR., LA--REV. P. J. ELLIS, ONE ONE FIVE FOUR E. EIGHTYSEVENTH  
ST., LA--REV. WESLEY P. FORD, ONE EIGHT FIVE SEVEN PALOMA  
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ST., PASADENA, CALIF., -- REV. RANDALL B. SCOTT, TWO SEVEN ZERO  
SIX VI SCHER PL., ALTADENA, CALIF.-- DR. D. R. SUARDE, THREE  
SEVEN TWO FIVE HAMPTON RD., PASADENA, CALIF.-- REV. WUGH J.  
WILLIAMS, FOUR FOUR ZERO S. HARENGO ST., PASADENA, CALIF.--  
REV. NORMAN THOMAS, EIGHT ONE ZERO N. SAN GABRIEL BLVD.,  
SO. SAN GABRIEL, CALIF.-- REV. LELAND P. STEWART, SEVEN THREE  
51. SEVEN HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LA-- DR. JOHN H. HERRING, FIVE  
NINE FIVE MENDRIN AVE., CLAREMONT, CALIF.-- REV. GROSS U.  
ALEXANDER, LUCERNE VALLEY, CALIF.-- REV. ERWIN A. GOEDE, ONE  
NINE FIVE ZERO VETERAN AVE., WEST LOS ANGELES, CALIF.-- REV.  
RICHARD E. BROWN, THREE FOUR THREE FIVE E. KIRCHHOFF ST.,  
FRESNO, CALIF.-- VERY REV. JAMES H. MALLOCH, THREE FIVE TWO  
YOSEMITE ST., FRESNO, CALIF. LA UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN  
ADDRESSES FOR REV. A.W. GIDDERS, VENICE, CALIF., REV. MARK  
HOGUE, LA, REV. PETER H. PAULSON, LA, AND REV GONIKEL  
WILLIAMS, LA.

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

December 23, 1959

SAC, Albany (100-13260)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION  
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
OO - New York

ReBulet to Albany December 17, 1959.

In accordance with instructions in referenced Bureau letter, there is enclosed for Bureau approval an amended characterization of the Syracuse Sobell Committee, an affiliate of captioned organization.

CC: 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (Encls.2) (RM)  
1 - New York (100-107111) (Encl.1) (RM)  
1 - Albany (100-13260)

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SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

On July 10, 1959, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished information that showed that the Syracuse Sobell Committee was affiliated with the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, and that the Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, had been formed for five years. b20

A confidential source advised on December 14, 1959, that the Syracuse Sobell Committee is still in existence.

On March 2, 1959, this same source furnished information showing that LILLIAN REINER (Mrs. HOWARD REINER), 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, was Chairman of the Syracuse Sobell Committee as of February, 1959.

This source furnished information on February 4, 1959, which showed that JANE ANDERSON was Secretary-Treasurer of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

Another confidential source advised that LILLIAN REINER as of March 11, 1951, was not known as a member of the Communist Party at that time, but as Chairman of the American Labor Party was closely associated with Communist Party members.

See Appendix for characterization of the American Labor Party.

The above source advised on December 5, 1952, that JANE ANDERSON was a long-time member of the Communist Party at Syracuse, New York.

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(First confidential source utilized is [REDACTED] b20 who has furnished reliable information in the past.)

(Second confidential source utilized is [REDACTED] b20 who has furnished reliable information in the past.)

URGENT 12-24-59 12-53 AM EST WCL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK

FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA /100-47492/ 1P

CP, USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, IS - C. REMYTEL DECEMBER  
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AIR MAIL - REG.

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)  
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-42399)

CP, USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
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ReBulet to New York, 12/15/59.

Enclosed herewith for incorporation in New York's blind memo are the names and addresses of the clergymen listed as sponsoring the "Clergymen's Appeal to the President" on behalf of MORTON SOBELL, who reside in the San Francisco Field Division.

There are five individuals on this list who are not listed in local directories and their addresses are unknown. Should they become available through other routine sources they will be forwarded at once to New York.

- ② - New York (ENCLS. 8) (REQ.)
- 1 - San Francisco

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Rev. BENJAMIN N. ADAMS, 124 Geneborn Way, San Francisco, California.

Rev. ELMO ALLISON, Livermore, California.

Rev. MILAN D. C. BRENKUS, 4343 - 24th Avenue, San Francisco, California.

Rev. C. CORWIN CALAVAN, 1715 Gouldin Road, Oakland, California.

Rev. JOHN COAD, Mt. View, California.

Rev. J. RAYMOND COPE, 725 Euclid Avenue, Berkeley, California.

Rev. JOHN H. CREIGHTON, 2100 Green Street, San Francisco, California.

Rev. ALFRED S. DALE, Jr., St. Francis Methodist Church, 43rd Avenue  
and Moriega Street, San Francisco, California.

Rev. PHILIP J. DAUNTON, St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church,  
2900 Bonifacio Street, Concord, California.

Rev. GEORGE H. DUNNE, University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara,  
California.

Rev. RICHARD H. GATCHEL, Palo Alto, California.

Prof. GEORGIA HARTNESS, 10 Kerr Avenue, Berkeley, California.

Dr. C. DOUGLAS HAYWARD, 2047 Los Angeles Avenue, Berkeley, California.

Rev. CLARENCE D. HERRIOTT, 2635 Webster Street, Berkeley, California.

Prof. HARLAND E. HOGUE, 618 Santa Barbara Road, Berkeley, California.

Rev. ELMER J. HOSTETLER, 730 Alma Avenue, Oakland, California.

Rev. L. D. HUGHES, Oakland, California.

Rev. STANLEY ARMSTRONG HUNTER, 2711 Regent Street, Berkeley, California.

Rev. J. WESLEY JACOBS, 737 - 54th Street, Oakland, California.

Rev. BRUCE L. JONES, 3919 El Campo Court East, Concord, California.

Rev. GEORGE KENDALL, Palo Alto, California.



Rabbi JULIUS A. LEIBERT, 1403 Escalona Drive, Santa Cruz, California.  
Rev. THOMAS GORDON LUKE, 2322 Rose Street, Berkeley, California.  
Rev. PETER MC CONNACK, 2801 Turk Street, San Francisco, California.  
Rev. JOHN B. MIDNORTH, St. Francis Episcopal Church, San Fernando  
Way & Ocean Avenue, San Francisco, California.  
Rev. KENNETH W. PETERSON, 2303 - 7th Avenue, Oakland, California.  
Rev. DREYDEN L. PHELPS, 1800 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Berkeley, California.  
Rev. HARRY B. SCHOLFIELD, 3956 Washington Street, San Francisco, Calif.  
Rev. EDWARD V. STEIN, 50 Rocklin, Berkeley, California.  
Rev. WALTER CARL SURKE, 1025 Santiago Street, San Francisco, California.  
Rev. ERNEST J. TROUTNER, 830 Forest Avenue, Palo Alto, California.  
Rev. RICHARD N. VOS, 127 Palaco Street, Playa Del Rey, California.  
Rev. DANIEL D. WALKER, First Methodist Church of Oakland, 24th Street  
and Broadway, Oakland, California.  
Rev. ROGER B. WALLACE, 2701 - 13th Avenue, Oakland, California.  
Rev. GUY A. WHITE, 4500 Tulip Avenue, Oakland, California.  
Rev. KENNETH J. WIDNEY, 2042 Humboldt Street, Santa Rosa, California.  
Rev. WOODROW J. WILSON, 775 - 41st Avenue, San Francisco, California.

White Plains, New York

Your letter dated December 21, 1959, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

Since the literature distributed by the organization you mentioned has been previously brought to my attention, it will not be necessary for you to forward to me the material you have received.

Sincerely yours,

2 - New York  
2 - San Francisco  
SEE NOTE TO SACs, PAGE TWO

**ATTENTION: SACs, NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO**

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

Correspondent advised he has received literature from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, in which a Reverend Peter McCormack, a former chaplain at Alcatraz, appeared to be the principal personality behind the release. The literature urged the recipient to write to the President urging a new trial for Sobell or that Sobell be granted clemency. Correspondent believes a minister has no business in political issues. He requested information as to the loyalty of the committee to the United States and the political loyalty of Reverend McCormack of San Francisco and Reverend Thomas Kilgore, Jr., 170 West 130th Street, New York 27, New York, whose name appeared on the envelope in which the literature had been mailed. He stated if the Bureau wanted the literature he received, he would be glad to forward it.

The report of SA Tollef Jacobson, Jr., dated March 5, 1957, at New York, captioned "In Friendship, Internal Security - C" indicates that Reverend Thomas Kilgore, Jr., of the Friendship Baptist Church was one of the sponsors of this organization which had been organized to provide economic aid to persons suffering reprisals as a result of their efforts to secure their Constitutional rights. (New York file 100-130541)

The May 18, 1957, issue of "The New York Times" in an article captioned "Negroes Hold Rally on Rights in Capital" identified Reverend Thomas Kilgore, Jr., pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church of New York City, as national director of the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom. This pilgrimage was sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and was held in Washington, D. C., May 17, 1957.

Bufiles also reveal that by letter dated March 6, 1952, Reverend Kilgore invited the Director to speak before the Baptist Ministers Conference of Greater New York and Vicinity. Bulet dated March 12, 1952, to Reverend Kilgore declined the invitation because of the pressure of official business.

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**NOTE TO SACs, NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO, CONTINUED**

Reverend Peter McCormack, a protestant chaplain at the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, was the subject of inquiry in 1957 after receipt of an allegation that he was possibly a "go-between" for Morton Sobell and the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. The inquiry failed to establish the allegation. McCormack was later released as chaplain at Alcatraz because of his very close relations with Sobell and his support of a petition by the above committee to obtain Sobell's release. Sobell was then serving a sentence at Alcatraz as a result of his conviction along with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg for espionage. (San Francisco file 140-2639)

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is the subject of a current Bureau investigation. This organization is a successor to the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case which organization has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front.

The New York and San Francisco Offices are instructed to check their files for any pertinent information concerning Reverend Kilgore and Reverend McCormack and, thereafter, be guided by current Bureau instructions concerning security investigations.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA  
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Re NY teletype to Director, 12/23/59; and Bulet  
to NY, 12/15/59.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
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ReBulet to New York, 12/15/59, captioned as above,  
New York letter to the Director dated 11/13/59,  
captioned "National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON  
SOBELL; IS-C," and New York teletype to the Director, 12/23/59,  
captioned as above, New York airtel dated 12/28/59.

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In order that the Bureau might receive the complete information requested in Bulet, 12/15/59, St. Louis is requested to furnish the address of Rabbi ROBERT P. JACOBS, Olivette, Missouri, directly to the Bureau and New York, since to date the New York Office has no record of receipt of this address.

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January 3, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding to you some literature and the request which I have received, relative to the case of Morton Sobell. Despite the protests of the senders about their divorcement from communism, I do not wish to touch the matter without first hearing from you as to their legitimacy.

I would appreciate receiving the enclosed material back from you, when you have finished with it.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [REDACTED] b2D

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-93572)

DATE: 1/6/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (41) b7c

SUBJECT: WEEKLY GUARDIAN ASSOCIATES  
IS - C

On 12/2/59 [REDACTED] with the Amalgamated Bank of NY, 11-15 Union Square, NYC, made available to the writer on a confidential basis the bank record concerning the above captioned account. b7c

A review of the records for the month of November, 1959, reflected the following items considered pertinent:

| Check # | Date     | Payee          | Amount  | Bank of deposit and/or endorser |
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| 39882   | 10/16/59 | DOROTHY MILLER | \$21.10 |                                 |

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1 - New York (100-107111) (SOBEL COMMITTEE) (41)

1 - New York (100-124032) (International Newspaper Printing) (41)

1 - New York (100-93572) (41)

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| Check # | Date     | Payee                  | Amount   | Bank of deposit<br>and/or endorser  |
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| 39936   | 10/30/59 | NORVAL WELCH           | \$87.17  |   |
| 39906   | 10/23/59 | ROBERT JOYCE           | \$57.61  |   |
| 39923   | 10/30/59 | THEODORA EMERY         | \$87.34  |   |
| 39913   | 10/30/59 | ALLAN J.<br>ARONSON    | \$88.16  |   |
| 39920   | 10/30/59 | LEE BRENNER            | \$65.78  |   |
| 39869   | 10/30/59 | CEDRIC BELFRAGE        | \$95.10  |   |
| 39909   | 10/23/59 | JEAN<br>NORRINGTON     | \$75.17  |   |
| 39924   | 10/30/59 | GEORGE EVANS           | \$95.86  |   |
| 39937   | 10/30/59 | DOROTHY MILLER         | \$21.10  |   |
| 39926   | 10/30/59 | FRED HABER             | \$79.18  |   |
| 39933   | 10/30/59 | DAVID REIF             | \$77.97  |   |
| 39950   | 11/6/59  | LOUIS BURNHAM          | \$100.51 |   |
| 39921   | 10/30/59 | LOUIS BURNHAM          | \$100.51 |   |
| 39934   | 10/30/59 | LILLIAN<br>RYCKOFF     | \$67.59  |   |
| 39942   | 10/30/59 | A. KENT MAC<br>DOUGALL | \$60.00  | Indistinct  |
| 39935   | 10/30/59 | ROSA SHIMIN            | \$66.58  | Manufacturers Trust<br>Branch 22  |
| 39937   | 10/30/59 | LOUISE BERMAN          | \$25.00  |   |
| 39907   | 10/23/59 | ROBERT E.<br>LIGHT     | \$92.45  |   |
| 39929   | 10/30/59 | ROBERT E.<br>LIGHT     | \$92.45  |   |
| 39925   | 10/30/59 | KUMAR GOSHAL           | \$91.85  | KUMAR GOSHAL  |
| 39927   | 10/30/59 | BABETTE JONES          | \$64.32  |   |
| 39938   | 10/30/59 | CLARENCE<br>VICKLAND,  | \$25.00  | CLARENCE VICKLAND<br>Oakland Bank of<br>Commerce, 3936 Canon Ave<br>Oakland, Calif. |
| 39930   | 10/30/59 | JOHN T. Mc<br>MANUS    | \$85.09  |   |
| 39243   | 5/29/59  | URSULA WASSERMAN       | \$35.00  | Swiss Credit Bank<br>for deposit only,<br>URSULA WASSERMAN                          |
| 39953   | 11/6/59  | GEORGE EVANS           | \$95.86  |   |
| 39969   | 11/6/59  | ANNE BAUER             | \$50.00  |   |

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| Check # | Date     | Payee   | Amount   | Bank of deposit<br>and/or endorser                                      |
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| 39861   | 10/15/59 | W.E.B. DU BOIS  | \$15.00  |   |
| 39947   | 11/5/59  | DAVID GERARD  | \$90.00  |   |
| 39932   | 11/30/59 | TABITHA PETRON  | \$41.06  | Baltimore Federal<br>Savings and Loan<br>Association, TABITHA<br>PETRON |
| 39976   | 11/10/59 | Austin Letter<br>Service  | \$900.00 |   |
| 39945   | 11/2/59  | Southern Region<br>al Council   | \$2.00   |   |
| 40003   | 11/16/59 | Sobell<br>Committee   | \$5.00   |   |
| 40018   | 11/19/59 | International<br>Newspaper Printing<br>(# 50)                             | \$901.87 |   |
| 40017   | 11/19/59 | International<br>Newspaper Printing<br>(# 49)                             | \$899.67 |   |
| 40014   | 11/19/59 | Custom Letter<br>Service  | \$500.00 |   |
| 40020   | 11/19/59 | International<br>Newspaper Printing<br>(# 52)                             | \$901.87 |   |
| 40019   | 11/19/59 | International<br>Newspaper Printing<br>(# 51)                             | \$901.87 |   |
| 40009   | 11/18/59 | CHARLES<br>HUMBOLDT   | \$10.00  |   |
| 40021   | 11/19/59 | International<br>Newspaper Printing<br>(# 1)                              | \$901.87 |   |
| 40016   | 11/19/59 | International<br>Newspaper Printing<br>(Rent for August<br>and September) | \$400.00 |   |
| 40046   | 11/23/59 | Western Union<br>(8/2 cable for<br>Havana sent by<br>GOSHAL)              | \$30.32  |   |
| 40007   | 11/18/59 | W. E. B. DU BOIS<br>(11/2 and 11/16 issues)                               | \$20.00  |   |

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The balance as of 11/30/59, was \$598.28.

The review of the Weekly Guardian Associates Inc.-Guardian Buying Service account reflect no pertinent activity for the month of November, 1959. The balance in this account as of 11/30/59, was \$1212.38.

It is noted that the above information is not to be made public without the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena.

The above source no longer has custody of the basic document from which the above information was obtained.

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Your letter dated January 3, 1960, with its enclosures, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of service, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comment upon the organization you mentioned.

For your information, however, I am enclosing a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Trial By Treason" which has been prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. I trust that this pamphlet will be of assistance to you.

Pursuant to your request, I am returning the material which you submitted with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (5)

- 1 - Philadelphia (enclosure)
- 1 - New York (enclosure)
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**ATTENTION: SACs, PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Correspondent enclosed literature issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, soliciting the correspondent's signature to an appeal to the President on behalf of Sobell. This material has been returned to the correspondent, and since it has been widely circulated and previously received by the Bureau copies have not been made for the files of the Bureau or your offices.

Information concerning the use of the above House Committee on Un-American Activities pamphlet is contained in Bulet to New York dated December 15, 1959, captioned "Communist Party, USA, Counterintelligence Program, Internal Security - C." The Philadelphia Office was furnished a copy of that letter.



# LOS ANGELES

SOBELL COMMITTEES present  
 DR. ANNETTE T. RUBINSTEIN  
 L.A.-PASADENA: Sun., Feb. 14, 8:30 p.m.  
 "New England's Emily Dickinson,  
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 THE VALLEY: Sat., Feb. 20, 8:30 p.m.  
 "Theodore Dreiser, Voice of the  
 New American"  
 THE HARBOR AREA: Sun., Feb. 21  
 Buffet Supper—4:30-7 p.m.  
 Lecture 9 p.m. sharp, "Oork and  
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 For address, info—call HO 4-4725

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